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SOMERSET MAUGHAM

"PAINTED VEIL" AUTHOR IN HONGKONG.

"UNNECESSARY FUSS."

His Characters As "Purely Imaginary.

The coldest man in Hongkong to-day is probably Mr. Somerset Maugham, playwright, novellist and traveller, best known in Hongkong as author of "The Painted Veil", a book which was given much free advertisement owing to the holding up of the first edition and the changing of the scenes from Hongkong to an imaginary place.

Having undertaken the trip from Manila to Hongkong at a moment's notice through force of circumstances, Mr. Maugham has only his summer clothes and a topee with him. "You find me rather chilly," he remarked to a "China Mail" representative who interviewed him this morning.

Mr. Maugham was to catch a boat at Manila to take him direct to Saigon but he missed it and has come to Hongkong in order to make a connection with the s.s. "Hanoi" which leaves to-morrow. He is collecting material for a volume of short stories about Malaya, Borneo and the Far East.

Asked if Hongkong would figure in these stories, Mr Maugham shook his head. A novelist was always on the look out for subject matter, however, he added, and something might strike him as worth noting here. With regard to "The Painted Veil," a subject which the "China Mail" representative introduced, Mr. Maugham said that a lot of unnecessary fuss had been made. The plot and characters were purely imaginary.

As to the general manner of his approach of subjects and places for his books and descriptions, Mr. Maugham said that he always made it a practice to become acquainted with places before he wrote about them. His stories were not intended to apply to personalities literally. Experiences he heard of in different places might provide an idea but real life was never complete enough for a satisfactory story to be made of it.

"In all stories it might be said that perhaps fifteen per cent. is life and the rest invention," added Mr. Maugham. Any sensible novelist who wanted to put scenes into his story, however, should stop long enough to get acquainted with such details as he wanted to use. "I find a certain interest in studying exotic surroundings and customs and the effect on the characters of the white people who live among them."

A Novelist's Aims.

Asked if he found it easy to write now that he had a considerable number of books and plays to his name, Mr. Maugham said that he never ceased to find it difficult to write. "There is a great gulf between having an idea of what you want to say in your own mind and getting it down on paper. I am never entirely satisfied at what I would like to write and what I find I can. English is a difficult language in which to couch expression. Hardly anyone has realized perfect expression in it."

In conclusion, the newspaper man asked Mr. Maugham if he had any self imposed ideal before him in his writings. "I try to instruct, educate or moralise to no-one," said the novelist. "I try to move, to interest and to amuse. That, I think, should be the aim of the novelist."

Prior to coming to the Far East, a London critic wrote of Mr. Maugham as follows: "The man never stays still. When you think the time is ripe for him triumphally to tour America—when "The Moon and Sixpence" has attracted the widest attention—he insists on going immediately to China. This may be because, though well set up, black-eyed, broad-framed, and excessively handsome in evening clothes, he is rather diffident."

Writing of Mr. Somerset Maugham's book "On A Chinese Screen" a reviewer stated: Just as a picture may be composed of a number of coloured patches juxtaposed and sometimes superimposed upon one another, each colour being applied upon its own particular block, so Mr. Somerset Maugham has produced an impression of China by means of fifty-eight brief glimpses at a great variety of things seen there. Some of the essays and their contribution to the total impression is as large as the rest—tell of Europeans encountered in China, and more than one of these is darkly ironical. Those who like a book ironical.

COURT GLIMPSES.

A FALLING OFF IN CRIME.

HAWKERS' LUCK.

With the relaxation in the law against unlicensed hawkers and the general falling off in crime, there were few cases in the Police Courts this morning.

Forbidden Newspapers.

An employee of the "Tai Kwong Po" newspaper was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the possession of 21 different newspapers published in Canton, the circulation of which is forbidden in the Colony. Defendant was arrested as he was leaving the wharf after boarding the s.s. "Lungshan" which arrived from Canton on Tuesday afternoon.

Detective-Sub-Inspector Shannon explained the delay in bringing the defendant before His Worship by stating that he had to submit the newspapers to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs to have translations taken.

Defendant said that he was only carrying out the instructions of his master to receive the newspapers from a man on board. His Worship agreed there was some truth in this story, and remanded defendant on $200 bail until Monday, pending enquiries as to why the "Tai Kwong Po" imported the papers.

A Young Thief.

A Chinese youngster was charged before Major C. Willson with the theft of $20 from Mr. H. Pritham, of On Hing Terrace.

Defendant said that he found the money on the ground while doing some odd jobs in complainant's house and he placed the notes inside his shoe.

The Magistrate imposed sentence of three weeks' hard labour and eight strokes of the birch.

Bankruptcy Court Echo.

On a charge of unlawful possession of a quantity of clothing and an electric fan, two Chinese explained that the articles were given to them in lieu of wages by the master of a Chinese firm which had closed down. This was later borne out by the wife of the man.

Sergeant Brittain said that the master was the debtor in a bankruptcy case at the Summary Court yesterday, who is believed to have absconded.

Defendants were discharged.

Youth Gains Leniency.

C. T. French, wireless watchman of the s.s. "Delta," was again before the Kowloon Magistrate this morning to receive sentence in a charge of theft of passengers' belongings which was proved against him on Wednesday.

The Magistrate said he did not wish to imprison defendant on account of his youth, and ordered him to sign a bond for good behaviour in a sum of $250.

LOCAL WEDDING.

TO-DAY'S PEAK CHURCH CEREMONY.

At the Peak Church this afternoon a quiet wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Miss Phyllis Parker (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Parker, of Seaton House, Acton Vale, London, and of Hongkong), and Mr. Leo Vindersler-Jensen (son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Vindersler-Jensen of Copenhagen, Denmark).

The bride wore a dress of white georgette embroidered with crystal and silver beads. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

The bride's mother was attired in a dress of green and black morocain, with hat to match. Mr. Lewis Parker gave his daughter away and Mr. Gilbert Travers (of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank) was best man.

A reception was held subsequently at No. 300, the Peak, kindly lent by Mr. H. L. Mecklenburgh.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay and at Shanghai. The bride's travelling dress was wine-coloured, with a long coat in black and gold.

After undergoing a severe operation, in the Peak Hospital, Mrs. P. H. Holycak is progressing as favourably as can be expected.

TYPHOON ECHO.

RESCUE WORK IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

HEROES AT BUCKINGHAM.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 4.

At an investiture at Buckingham Palace His Majesty the King bestowed the Board of Trade silver medal for rescue work during a typhoon in Hongkong harbour to Messrs. George Parker, John Smight, and Harold Wainwright, ex-apprentices on the s.s. "Egremont Castle."

TYPHOON RECALLED.

Work of "Egremont Castle."

The foregoing refers to the disastrous typhoon of August 18, 1923, which resulted in the loss of the Indo-China s.s. "Loong Sang," which foundered with loss of many lives after being swept away from her mooring. One of the British submarines—the L-9—went down near Queen's Pier, the crew being saved by the Japanese steamer "Ginyo Maru." The liners "Empress of Australia" and "Andre Lebon" were in great danger for a time owing to their anchors dragging.

The officers and crew of the s.s. "Egremont Castle," which was dragging her anchors near Stonecutter's Island, performed fine heroic work, saving the cook-boy of the s.s. "Loong Sang" and other persons from vessels drifting down stream.

His Majesty the King cabled a message of sympathy to the Governor in regard to the sad loss of life and the damage to ships and property.

A CANARD.

FRANCE DENIES COMMUNIST ASSERTION.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, Feb. 4.

The Ministry of War denies emphatically the assertion of the Communist paper L'Humanité, saying that two French battalions were prepared to fraternise with the Druses near Rashaya.

REQUEST FOR PEACE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Feb. 4.

It is reported from Beirut that in reply to the request for direct peace negotiations, the High Commissioner told the Jebel Druses that they must first cease hostilities.

A GERMAN WANTED.

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LEAGUE.

DELEGATES NAMED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Feb. 4.

It is understood that Germany wants a German appointed as Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Nations, in which connection Count Brockdorff is mentioned.

The principal German delegates to the League will be Dr. Stresemann (Minister for Foreign Affairs) and Count Bernstorff.

HOME MAIL.

The P. and O. "Mantua" brought in this morning 255 bags letter mail (London January 7) and 85 bags of parcels from London.

Delivery of the mail commenced in the forenoon.

A Chinese committed suicide yesterday by jumping out from the second floor verandah of No. 61, Connaught Road West.

A dog owned by Mrs. Edgar, of No. 5, Morton Terrace, was taken to Kennedy Town for observation yesterday after an attack on a Chinese.

A Chinese broker discovered a few days ago that all the furniture and fittings at No. 11, Peak Road, had been stolen. The house has been vacant for some months.

KING'S SPEECH.

LABOUR AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS.

SOCIALIST DEBATE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 4.

In the House of Comons, the debate on the Labour amendent to the Address in Reply to the Speech from The Throne, which was moved by Mr. R. Snowden, resolved itself into a discussion on Socialism versus non-Socialism.

Mr. Snowden contended that during the Government's year of office unemployment had increased wages had declined, and profits had risen.

The Labourite, Mr. Johnston, referring to the projected Labour Hours Conference feared that the Washington Convention itself was destroyed by the Conference excluding India, China, and Japan; he emphasised the long hours and inferior conditions in Japan.

Sir John Simon (Liberal), in opposing the amendent, asked how the coal industry find makets under public control which was lacking under private ownership? Sir A. Steel-Maitland, replying, denied that the situation had become worse. Notably there had been an increase in wages, whilst as regards unemployment the Government would welcome the co-operation of all Parties, and was even willing to discuss the establishment of a joint Committee of all Parties.

The debate was adjourned.

"H.K. ELECTRIC."

THOSE NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMOY.

TERMS REJECTED.

At the time of a boom in shares of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., about a year or so ago, a rumour was current that the company would benefit considerably by a concession in the foreign settlement of Kulangsu, Amoy.

Light is now thrown on the matter by the "China Mail's correspondent who reports the annual meeting of ratepayers.

TENDERS STILL WANTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Kulangsu, Amoy, Feb. 2.

For many months the question of ways and means of providing better electric light in the Settlement has been at issue. Reporting upon the matter, the Chairman of the Council said: "The electric light supply has, if anything, deteriorated and residents have to depend to a great extent on other means of lighting.

"In the meantime the efforts taken to obtain an improved service have proved abortive, but it is imperative that definite and decisive action be taken without further loss of time. The resolution unanimously adopted by the ratepayers at a special meeting held on September 19, 1924, authorising the Council to take steps to terminate the existing agreement, and to proceed to open negotiations with the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., resulted in a draft agreement being drawn up. This agreement was submitted to the ratepayers at a special meeting held on July 31, 1925, but was rejected. A committee of the Council is making investigations as to the most suitable method of solving the electric light question."

After considerable discussion at the annual meeting on January 29, the following resolution was passed:—

"Resolved; That the incoming Council call for tenders for the erection of an electric light and power plant on Kulangsu, and ask for particulars as to alternating current or direct current, or other similar terms, as they may decide; and submit said tenders to the ratepayers as soon as possible."

Messrs. Campbell Moore and Company announce that they have removed their ladies' and gentlemen's hair dressing saloons to a more commodious and ventilated premises, No. 19, Queen's Road Central, first floor, above K. Ling and Co.

HONGKONG'S "BIT."

HOW OUR DONATION HELPED THE ADMIRALTY.

NAVAL POLICY REVIEWED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 4.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, spoke in defence of the Government's naval policy at the Constitutional Club.

He expressed satisfaction that the Admiralty had been able to secure from the Government a programme of reconstruction covering a period of years for the replacement of those ships that had become obsolete or were becoming obsolete. The value of that decision, he said, was very important.

Dependence on Trade.

The Washington Agreement on the dimensions of the Navies of the world had been faithfully observed by this country as by other countries. We were, however, not in exactly the same position as other countries, because we were no longer an island Power, and because we had an enormous expanse of Empire trade to be protected, on which this country depended for its very existence. We more than any other country depended upon cruisers to protect our trade.

The Washington Agreement laid down that the size of new cruisers should not exceed 10,000 tons and the armaments should not exceed eight-inch guns. Consequently, it was essential that our cruisers should be up to date, and that we should in their construction include those improvements which the lessons of the war had taught us.

OBSOLETE SHIPS USELESS.

It was no use going to sea against an enemy with obsolete ships. It would be a deception against the British public to tell them that we could rely upon old ships that had been knocked about in the war. Those old ships could no longer hold their own with the vessels laid down by other countries. If we were going to have total disarmament, that would be another matter; but so long as other countries kept up a modern efficient Navy, so long was it still more ecsential for us to do the same.

USE FOR HONGKONG MONEY.

Mr. Bridgeman added that we had been nobly supported by the Commonwealth of Australia. The contribution of a quarter of a million sterling from Hongkong had enabled the Admiralty to make a start with a floating dock in the Straits Settlements, which would at least provide for the docking of our capital ships.

As the Government proceeded, and as he hoped they would proceed with the full programme which was laid down for a complete base at Singapore, they would be ensuring not only the capacity of the British Fleet to defend British trade in those waters, but adding to its efficiency and economy.

APPEAL FOR MORE HELP.

He would be glad to get further help from other parts of the Empire, and so, he thought, would the taxpayers of this country.

PEACE TIME NEEDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 4.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, in the course of his speech at the Constitutional Club, said that the Navy must not be neglected even in peace time.

He thought that the Government was right and that Australia was right in pushing with the construction of up to date cruisers because we were getting very far behind. We were not leading in the race for competition with other naval Powers, who began long before Britain; but anyhow it was very satisfactory to know that Britain had got a programme laid down covering a number of years which would eventually produce a fleet of the most up-to-date cruisers possible.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/4 7/16.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

JAPAN'S TRADE.

SHIPMENTS TO UNITED STATES INCREASE.

Imports from Europe Fall.

Increased trade with the United States and Asiatic countries and smaller trade with Europe were the outstanding features of Japan's foreign trade for the first nine months of 1925, says the "New York Evening Post." Exports for the period in question totalled 1,666,252,000 yen, an increase of more than 375,000,000 yen over the figures for the corresponding nine months of 1924; while imports amounted to 2,035,108,000 yen, as compared with 1,913,322,000 yen for the first nine months of the previous year, according to the Far Eastern division of the Department of Commerce.

Exports to the United States reached the impressive total of 716,242,000 yen, an increase of nearly 40 per cent. over the same period last year, when they amounted to 489,516,000 yen. Similarly there were marked gains in shipments to practically all Asiatic countries. The largest increase in value was in exports to China, the 1925 total of 334,768,000 yen having been 63,300,000 yen greater than for the corresponding months of last year. The greater relative increase was in the case of British Malaysia, the total of 31,052,000 yen being 90 per cent. greater than in the 1924 period. Other important gains were Dutch East Indies, 42 per cent.; Kwantung Leased Territory, 40 per cent., and India, 29 per cent. Among European countries, shipments to Great Britain dropped 5 per cent. and to France 74 per cent.

The situation with respect to imports was somewhat different owing to the fact that during the present year Japan has greatly increased her imports of raw cotton and rice, while practically all other commodities have declined. In consequence imports from British India, the chief source of raw cotton imports, rose from 341,066,000 yen during the period January-September, 1924, to 531,557,000 yen for the same months of this year. Among the other Asiatic countries there were substantially increased imports from Kwantung Leased Territory and the Dutch East Indies and very slight declines for China, British Malaysia and the Philippines Islands. Another important increase was in imports from Australia, the totals for the 1924 and 1925 periods having been 92,696,000 yen and 119,996,000 yen, respectively.

Imports from the United States were valued at 502,427,000 yen, a decline of 17,600,000, or about 3 per cent., compared with the same months of 1924. This represents an increase in imports of American raw cotton and more or less substantial declines in practically all other commodities.

The total of 184,138,000 yen for Great Britain represents a decline of 63,500,000 yen, or 26 per cent., compared with the same period last year. Similarly imports from Germany dropped 24 per cent. and there were smaller declines in practically all other European countries.

BRITISH MOTOR-CARS.

Growing Export Trade.

Progress has been rapid and uninterrupted during the past few years in the British motor export trade, as is shown in the following export values of motor vehicles and parts:—

1922	£2,765,529
1923	3,899,001
1924	6,558,270
1925 (11 months only)	8,496,460

The biggest asset of the industry is the universal acknowledgment of the superiority of British motor craftsmanship. Other things being nearly equal, there is no question that five out of six over-seas motorists will buy the British product, says a writer in a London paper, who goes on to say:—

Of special encouragement, too, is the fact that our best motor markets are found within the Empire. Of the 1924 total export value of £6,558,270 no less than £4,912,198 represents purchases by our Dominions and possessions. The largest single buyers was Australia, whose imports of British motor vehicles and parts brought £1,627,556 into the Old Country.

Only last November the vice-president of the Mammoth General Motors Corporation of America said, "England provides the entire economic background needed to support the manufacture of motor-cars that can compete successfully in the world's markets."

SPECULATORS' YEAR.

Stock Exchange in 1925.

The City Editor of a London paper writes:—

"In the Stock Exchange the year 1925 will be best known as the year of the second big rubber "boom," an event that has brought welcome relief to many a firm whose resources had been depleted by lack during the past few years of any really big speculative movement.

Among Home securities the acute weakness of the stocks of the three big railways whose profits depend on the condition of the country's trade has cast an overshadowing gloom, but there have been some bright features in the shares of many British industrial undertakings, the profits of some of which depend partly on trade abroad.

The shares of the tobacco companies, some of the electrical construction companies, and the great artificial silk business of Courtaulds have been outstanding instances.

Tin, thanks to its rapid rise in price, has provided an interesting companion to the rubber "boom," and some mining experts are expecting an important revival in the ancient Cornish tin-mining industry unless some other field is discovered to replace the alluvial fields abroad when those are exhausted.

NEW COMPANY ORGANISED.

The Oriental Japanese Hotel Changes Hand.

In view of the imminent success of the long drawn-out negotiations for the amalgamation of the N.Y.K. and T.K.K., Messrs. Kawanishi, Okazaki, Kosone, Kashima, I. Tamura, and Sekiguchi, all of Kobe, have made arrangements with the Yasuda Bank, creditors of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, to take over the site, building, and furnishings of the Oriental Hotel at Y1,000,000.

A joint stock company capitalised at Y600,000 in shares of Y100 is to be organised. In addition to the above mentioned persons, Messrs. K. Matsukata, C. Ito, and S. Kishimoto and the Nippon Yusen and Osaka Shosen Kaisha will hold an interest.

Of the purchase price, it is stated, Y500,000 will be retained by the Yasuda Bank. Y500,000 will be loaned to the new company and Y100,000 will be appropriate for running expenses.

An amusing commentary on the hardships imposed on American rubber manufacturers by the alleged price manipulations of British producers is supplied by the balance-sheet of the Fisk Rubber Company.

It shows gross sales amounting to $15,000,000, or a gain of 41 per cent. over the previous year. Its profits are over $1,500,000 and exceed for 1924. It declared a dividend of 7% for 1925, [illegible]

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong 5th February, 1926.

On London—	
Bank, Wire...	2 4-[illegible]
" On demand	2/4 7/16
" 30 day's sight	
" 4 months' sight	2 4-[illegible]
Credits 4 months' sight	2/5 7/16
Documentary, 4 months sight	2/5 9/16
On Paris—	
On demand	1/3[illegible]
Credits, 4 months' sight	
On Berlin—	
On demand	nom
On New York—	
On demand	57[illegible]
Credits, 60 days' sight	
On Bombay—	
Wire	
On demand	156[illegible]
On Calcutta—	
Wire	
On demand	
On Singapore—	
On demand	101
On Manila—	
On demand	115[illegible]
On Shanghai—	
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	
On Yokohama—	
On demand	138
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	8.14
Silver (per oz.)	30/15/16
Bar Silver in Hongkong	7 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cash	10 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cents	6 % pm
Rate of Native Interest	nom.
Chinese Sub. Coin	2½ % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	par.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby February 4.

Paris	129.6
New York	4.86 9/16
Brussels	107
Geneva	25.14
Amsterdam	12 12½
Milan	121
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.8
Copenhagen	19.7
Oslo	23.9
Vienna	34.[illegible]6
Prague	164½
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	24.4
Lisbon	93
Rio	7[illegible]
Buenos Aires	4 5/16
Montreal	4 [illegible]/16
[illegible]	300
[illegible]	2[illegible]
[illegible]	1[illegible]
[illegible]	20[illegible]/16
[illegible]	20[illegible]

A NEW ONE.

Advertisements To Be Taxed.

The Province of Chekiang, according to the January 9 Chinese Economic Bulletin, is now collecting a tax on advertisements. The report in the bulletin giving the rates for the various classes of advertisements is as follows:—

"A tax on advertisements has been collected by the Chekiang authorities. For the purpose of taxation, advertisements" are classified into (1) special and (2) ordinary. Special advertisements are subdivided into (a) those pasted on boards, tax, $0.10 (10 cents) per square foot per month; (b) illustrated wall advertisements, $0.05 (5 cents) per square foot per month; (c) house-building contractors' advertisements, $0.10 (10 cents) per square foot per month; (d) 'sandwichmen,' $0.10 (10 cents) for each person per day. If the 'sandwichman's, is accompanied by a band, an additional charge of $0.20 (20 cents) per musician is levied.

"Ordinary advertisements include posters, which are taxed according to size at the following rates: $1 for every 100 sheets 3 square feet, or smaller; $2 for every 100 sheets between 3 and 5 square feet; $4 for every 100 sheets between 5 and 10 square feet; and $8 for every 100 sheets between 5 and 10 square feet. No advertisement is allowed to be exhibited unless the advertiser has paid the tax in advance.

"Chekiang authorities have also issued a set of regulations governing private advertising companies or agencies. Any promoter of such business must first obtain permission from the authority in charge and pay a deposit of $500. The province is divided into eight districts in each of which only one company or agency is to be permitted to operate. Up to the present, the Wuling Advertising Company has been designated for the Hangchow district, while two more are being organised for the Kahsing and Huchow districts respectively. The advertising companies are also charged with the duty of collecting, on behalf of the officials, the advertisement tax. For this service the companies are to get 20 per cent. of the collections as commission. Chekiang officials at present collect about $2,000 a month from this source."

SAIGON RICE.

An Upward Tendency.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extreme-Oriant of Saigon, in their circular dated January 26, say:—

The supply of paddy continues to be under the average for the time of the year. A brisk demand is expected from Java and also from Shanghai. The market is rather firm with a slight upward tendency.

The total amount of rice exported from January 1 to January 15, 1926, is 29,477,149 tons against 21,992,305 in 1925.

We quote to-day white Saigon rice No. 1 25 per cent. brokens round gain:—Hongkong $6.60, per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon; £0.12.10, per cwt. f.o.b. Saigon; yen 8.65, per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon.

White Saigon rice No. 2, sifted Japan quality:—Hongkong $6.40, per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon; £0.12.6, per cwt. f.o.b. Saigon; yen 8.35, per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon. For February-March shipment.

HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			February 3, 1926.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾筋	lb.	32	24	12
" Prime Cut		"	32	23	12
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	32	23	12
" Roast	燒牛肉	"	32	24	22
" Breast	牛腩	"	30	20	18
" Soup	湯肉	"	28	20	18
" Steak	牛肉排	"	32	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛柳	"	45	30	35
" Sausages	牛腸	"	40	23	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	80	50	60
" Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	"	$1.00	60	—
" Head	牛頭	"	$1.50	—$1.20	
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
" Hump, Salt	牛肩	"	—	20	18
" Feet	牛脚	each	12	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腰	"	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	"	25	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	22	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	"	12	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭脚	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊扒骨	lb.	55	26	—
" Leg	羊脾	"	55	26	—
" Shoulder	羊手	"	53	24	—
" Saddle	羊鞍肉	"	55	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	猪腸	"	40	—	27
" Brains	猪腦	Per set	3	—	12
" Feet	猪脚	lb.	20	15	—
" Fry	猪仔	"	40	15	18
" Head	猪頭	"	24	20	—
" Heart	猪心	each	15	10	10
" Kidneys	猪腰	"	12	10	8
" Liver	猪肝	lb.	52	30	24
Pork Chop	猪排骨	"	42	25	28
" Leg	猪脾	"	45	—	—
" Loin	猪後面	"	48	28	27
" Fat or Lard	猪油	"	26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭脚	per set	90	60	70
" Heart	羊心	each	15	8	7
" Kidneys	羊腰	"	15	12	10
" Liver	羊肝	"	55	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳猪	"	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛油	"	32	20	18
" Mutton	羊油	"	55	26	24
Veal	牛仔肉	"	36	20	19
" Sausages	牛仔腸	"	40	20	20
" " No. 1		"	32	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯇魚	lb.	28	19	24
Bream	鯛魚	"	26	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	省塘淡水魚	"	28	18	16
Carp	鯉魚	"	26	16	27
Catfish	鯰魚	"	20	12	9
Codfish	鱈魚	"	26	20	25
Crabs	蟹	"	50	28	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	"	16	16	2
Dab		"	65	28	16
Dace	黃尾鰂	"	20	10	9
Dog Fish	鯊肚沙	"	10	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻	"	26	10	—
" Fresh Water	淡水黃鰻	"	28	10	18
" Yellow	黃鰻	"	75	28	30
Frogs	田雞	"	80	32	25
Garoups	石斑魚	"	82	40	30
Gudgeon	白鱗	"	24	18	15
Herrings	鯖魚	"	32	22	18
Halibut	比目魚	"	26	18	23
Labrus	青衣	"	34	22	18
Loach	烏鱧	"	35	22	24
Lobsters	龍蝦	"	60	32	21
Mackerel	鯖魚	"	30	20	28
Monk Fish	鱇魚	"	42	22	28
Mullet	烏魚	"	36	18	2
Oysters	蠔豉	"	40	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	"	30	14	9
Perch	公魚	"	36	20	15
Pike	青魚	"	20	16	9
Plaice	比魚	"	73	28	14
Pomfret, Black	鯧魚	"	45	28	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧	"	50	36	30
Prawns	蝦	"	$1.00	35	45
Ray	魟魚	"	14	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑魚	"	35	18	18
Roach	鯇魚	"	40	22	16
Salmon	鮭魚	"	70	40	30
Shark	鯊魚	"	10	8	10
Skate	魟魚	"	16	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	"	60	26	35
Snapper	紅魚	"	50	22	30
Sole	龍利	"	45	25	35
[illegible]	[illegible]	"	50	22	16
[illegible]	[illegible]	"	35	18	14
[illegible]	[illegible]	"	$1.40	40	—

Poultry.

			February 3, 1926.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	65	30	31
Capons, Small	細閹雞	"	60	28	30
Capons, Large	肥閹雞	"	65	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	48	22	21
Doves	鴿	each	30	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per oz.	80	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	40	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	72	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	68	28	—
Geese	鵝	"	52	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	48	30	—
" Hollow	海口鴿	"	32	23	—
Turkeys, Cock	火鷄公	lb.	$1.00	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火鷄母	"	85	51	45
Snipe	沙鉗	each	38	—	—
Pheasant	山鷄	pair	$1.80	—	—
Quail	鶉	"	35	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	"	$1.50	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	60	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	"	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	"	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	15	7	—
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	8	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	"	30	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	廣會甜橙	"	15	—	—
Oranges	橙	"	36	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	12	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	"		12	—
Plantain	芎蕉	"	5	3	4
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	14	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	16	—	15
Grapes	葡萄子	"	30	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	朝芝竹	each	10	—	8
Beanas, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	6	—	7
" Long	豆角	"	12	8	—
Beet Root	紅頭	each	2	3	3
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	"	10	—	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	"	6	5	9
" Red	紅瓜	"	9	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	"	8	5	12
" (Shanghai)	鄉菜	"	15	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蘆筍	"	5	—	9
Cauliflower (Large)	大籠花	each	18	—	—
" (Medium)	中籠菜花	"	15	—	—
" (Small)	細籠菜花	"	10	—	—
Carrots	金筍	lb.	8	8	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	"	12	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	"	25	28	5
" Red	紅花椒	"	20	10	16
" Green	青辣椒	"	18	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	架厘材料	"	10	10	10
Cucumbers	青瓜	each	4	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	lb.	8	8	—
Ginger, Young	子薑	"	10	7	—
" Old	老薑	"	10	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	(根)	each	30	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	"	8	[illegible]	2
Lettuce	鵝生菜	lb.	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	"	10	8	6
" Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	"	14	—	5
Mushrooms, Fresh	蘑菇菌	"	—	—	8
Okroes		"		1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋葱頭	"	8	8	8
" Green	生葱	"	6	4	8
" Shanghai	上海葱頭	"	6	8	—
Parsley	芹菜	"	40	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	"	6	8	—
" Japanese	日本薯仔	"	5	8	—
" American	金山薯仔	"	6	8	10
Pumpkin	冬瓜	"	6	3	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	"	8	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大黃	"	10	—	10
Shallots	干葱頭	"	10	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	"	8	4	—
Tomatoes	蕃茄	"	14	—	—
Taros	芋頭	"	8	8	—
Turnips, Punj (Long)	蘿蔔	"	8	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	冬瓜	"	—	—	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	"	8	8	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	"	8	8	—

EXTRALITY.

TREATIES NOT FORCED ON CHINA.

MATTER OF CONVENIENCE.

In much of the propaganda which Chinese organisations have put out urging the abolition of extra-territoriality, emphasis has been placed upon the element of force involved in the protection of foreign rights and to this extent maintain that foreign gunboats are associated with and stand back of the extraterritoriality system. Point is also made of the allegation that the extraterritorial treaties were "forced" upon China. To those Chinese who insist that extraterritoriality was forced upon China, we (China Press) would like to put the question:

Why did China make a treaty containing the extraterritoriality claues with Switzerland as late as 1918? Switzerland is a small country which has no navy—and from the standpoint of size and population is smaller than many Chinese provinces. Surely the element of force could not have entered into the negotiation of this treaty. Therefore, if the element of coercion did not enter into the question, there must have been some otherreason why China voluntarily surrendered this important right.

The same element probably applied when China made her first treaty with a foreign country, the treaty with Russia in 1689 for this agreement provided that that the subjects of either nation guilty of breaches of the frontier should be handed over to their respective officials for punishment. The second treaty, that of 1768, between China and Russia also contained an extraterritorial clause. There was also the complete absence of force or coercion in the treaty between China and the United States of 1844 which contained the extraterritorial clause.

There are now seventeen foreign countries which enjoy extraterritorial rights in China,—Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States—and assuredly no thoughtful Chinese would say that all of these countries, many of which are smaller in size and population that some Chinese provinces, forced extraterritorial rights on China.

The Real Answer.

The answer to the question probably is to be found in the fact that China found it more convenient and less troublesome for the foreigners to be responsible for their own citizens and subjects than for China to accept the responsibility herself. We are not arguing that the present system should be continued indefinitely merely because China at one time found the system convenient. Abuses have crept into the practice of extraterritoriality which must be remedied and China has now decided to develop her courts and laws in accordance with modern practice in other parts of the world. It is obvious that extraterritorial rights ultimately will be abandoned in China as they were abandoned in Japan, in Turkey and in Siams, but when Chinese of the younger generators state that China was "forced" to make treaties containing these provisions, their statements do not square with the facts.

It should also be noted in this connection that the abrogation of the extraterritorial treaties will not prevent foreign nations from using force to protect their nationals residing in China if foreign nations should find it necessary to use force to protect their rights—witness the recent of Soviet Russia in givin China a three-day ultimatum to release the Russia manager of the Chinese Eastern Railway who was arrested by Chang Tso-ling's soldiers a few days ago. Russia has renounced her extra-territorial rights in China but despite this, the rulers of Moscow did not hesitate to take action to force China to observe the provisions of the so-called "equal" treaty which was negotiated by China and the Soviet two years ago.

A story from the Moulmein correspondent of the "Rangoon Times" says that at Yennyein, twenty-six miles from Martaban, a Buddhist monk is healing all diseases by touch of hand. It is said that the monk, who is Chinese, asks nothing for his services, and has become so inundated with requests for the alleviation of suffering that he is being assisted by five pupils to whom he is able to delegate his extraordinary power, though this transferred capacity lasts only one day. Crowded trains are visiting Yennyein, bringing those who are desperately ill or crippled. [illegible] man dresses as an ordinary [illegible] and lands the [illegible] accession [illegible]

THE MODERN GIRL.

SOME CURIOUS CHINESE CONTRASTS.

CHINA A DEMOCRACY.

The life of Chinese girls and women to-day presents the most amazing contrasts. In the same city where one may see thousands of young girls hobbling along on bound feet, other girls—the favoured few who are in school—are playing netball and learning country dancing, writes "C. M." in the "Manchester Guardian." After a large sports meeting held recently in a provincial capital some of the boys made the criticism that the girls had not been allowed an equal share in the proceedings, because they had not played football. When it was suggested to them that football is not universally considered a suitable game for girls, they said with an air of finality, "But China is now a democracy."

In the same city where hospitals can be found with all modern equipment and where Chinese doctors trained in Western medical schools offer their services, thousands of poor folks still use the age-old magic cures when their children fall sick, and ignore the most elementary laws of hygiene every day of their lives. Many a little boy still wears the earring which is supposed to deceive the spirits into believing that he is the much less valuable member of the family, the girl, or the silver ring round the neck which "locks him into life." On the other hand, some modern educated fathers are quite noticeably fonder of their daughters than of their sons, and quite as anxious for them to have a career if they want it.

It has been estimated (all statistics relative to China are approximate) that still only one woman in eighty can read. The proportion in the cities is probably higher, but in the country illiteracy is almost the rule. At the other end of the scale are the women who have taken degrees in English and American universities. There are doctors, scientists, philosophers, educators, and journalists among them. The number of girls in school is constantly on the increase, though they still form a fraction, probably about one in ten, of China's scholars.

Education and Marriage.

The demand for educated girls as wives is enormous. Educated young men naturally want educated wives. On the other hand, there is a great revolt against marriage on the part of the girls. From of old, marriage in China has meant for the women subjection to the husband's family, and in particular to his mother. Cases are common now of girls breaking engagements made for them in childhood by their parents. Recently a girl of eighteen defended her right to break an engagement in the Law Court in Peking and was successful. Other girls have been known to use the money left them by their parents or money they had saved themseves to contract out of undesirable engagements. This is a tremendous change from the time when betrothal arranged by the parents was regarded as being just as binding as marriage itself. There are instances of love matches and of happy homes founded on them, but these are all too few as yet, and far too many young Chinese know nothing of any ideal of marriage or home life.

Recently a whole issue of one of the most popular magazines for women was devoted to the subject of divorce, and in general the question of marriage receives a great deal of attention and is discussed from every point of view. The same magazine frequently publishes photographs of newly-married couples after the best fashion of Western society papers. Young schoolgirls read novelettes of the most sentimental type, or worse. They get their ideas of Western sex relations from the least desirable kind of kinema film. As they know nothing of the normal equal kind of social intercourse that takes place between men and women in Western countries they have nothing to conterbalance the impression made by the books and pictures. It is disturbing to think what their ideas of Western customs must be. The girls of China deserve to be offered a share in the best that Western women have achieved, and not only the less desirable elements. At this difficult period of adjustment to new conditions they need all the understanding and practical sympathy that Western women can give them.

SOVIET CHEEK.

A BOOT ON THE WRONG FOOT.

KARAKHAN EXPOSED.

The lengthy protest addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by Mr. Karakhan, Soviet Ambassador, would be highly entertaining if it were not particularly impertinent in view of what is happening under the aegis of the Soviet agitators in our country. Mr. Karakhan and his fellow nationals do not like "the violent actions of Chinese soldiers," and describe them as being of "abominable character," when applied to the Chinese Eastern Railway, but when the self-same measures are addressed to the authorities on all other railways in China Mr. Karakhan and his fellow nationals applaud them as being a just manifestation of national hatred of alleged Imperialists.

It is noteworthy that in his protest against the actions of northern soldiery on the Chinese Eastern Railway he did not mention in any way the action of southern soldiery, under the direction of his countryman and agent Borodin and others, on the Canton-Kowloon Railway; nor did he seem to think it worthy of mention that it was about time the Chinese Eastern Railway was given a taste of the medicine which is ruining the Peking-Mukden, the Peking-Hankow, the Tientsin-Pukow, and other great lines in China Proper. This process of ruination has been encouraged by Mr. Karakhan and his fellow nationals, and the acts of those other nationals who have endeavoured to protect their financial interests in these lines by addressing protests to the Government have been stigmatised by Mr. Karakhan and his fellow nationals as Imperialistic endeavours to control China.

What is sauce for the goose is not apparently sauce for the gander in Mr. Karakhan's eyes, and now that the line in which the altruistic Soviet Government in concerned is given a taste of that sauce he vomits badly. And in that vomiting suggests action which his paid agents in China would scream down as violent imperialistic manoeuvring to effect armed intervention in China. For does he not brazenly say to the Minister of Foreign Affairs: "My Government will hold the Chinese Government responsible for all damage inflicted through the actions of the Chinese authorities, as well as resulting from the outrages committed by the Chinese Military," and precedes that "Imperialistic" declaration with the more "Imperialistic" suggestion that he is "ready to discuss jointly with the measure which in such circumstances would be indispensible for both Governments to take." Now what does Mr. Karakhan, the anti-Imperialist, mean by all this?

We think it is about time the eyes of our countrymen were opened to the effrontery of the Soviet agents in China, and we invite the student leaders who somehow seem to have great faith in the persuasive eloquence of Mr. Karakhan and his satellites to examine his protest to our Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the light of Mr. Karakhan's teachings against so-called Imperialists. And while they are at it they might examine the reasons for the loss of Mongolia to China, and the activities of Soviet agents in Sinkiang and elsewhere, to say nothing of the ruinous conditions which have been imposed upon South China by Soviet agents in Canton and other Southern Centres.—"Peking Daily News."

£30 TO KILL RAT.

EXPENSIVE SHIPPING FUMIGATION.

ROUTINE JOBS JUSTIFIED?

Dr. G. A. Borthwick, port medical officer of Plymouth, in introducing a discussion on the disinfection of ships at the meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute at Plymouth, said that during the past twelve months he had collected figures of fumigation of large passenger ships going regularly to America from non-plague infected ports of Europe, and found that twenty-two vessels, with a registered tonnage of 226,406 and approximately 22,640,600 cubic feet of hold space, were fumigated with cyanide and cyanogen chloride at an estimated cost of £6,792, and that the number of rats destroyed was 234. It would appear that each rat cost £30 to kill by fumigation by that method. He was doubtful whether routine periodical fumigations in non-plague infected ships were justified, or whether the usual rat precautions—the proper use of guards on lines hawsers, and the rat-proofing of vessels, wire gauze on galleys, etc., where food was kept, and the employment of rat catchers on board ship would not prove more efficacious and certainly less expensive.

MR. G. A. HARRIMAN.

MARRIED AT SINGAPORE.

On Monday afternoon, says the "Straits Times" of January 27, the wedding was celebrated of Mr. G. A. Harriman, of Harriman and Co., Singapore, to Miss L. E. Pierce, of Ilford. The Rev. Mr. Shetliffe performed the marriage ceremony and Mr. Salzmann kindly presided at the organ. The bride, who looked charmingly "petite," was given away by Mr. R. D. Cansdell, and Mrs. Cansdell acted as matron of honour. The duties of best man were ably carried out by Mr. L. R. Blake. A reception was afterwards held at the Sea View Hotel, when the health of the bride and bridegroom was drunk with musical honours. The happy couple afterwards left for Chengal, where they are spending their honeymoon in the bungalow kindly loaned by Mr. E. S. Manasseh.

NOTICES.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central at 3.30 p.m. SATURDAY, February the 6th 1926, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, 30th January, to SATURDAY, 6th February 1926 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1926.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on THURSDAY, 11th March, 1926.

Entries will Definitely Close at 1 p.m. on MONDAY 1st March, 1926, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but it is hoped that intending Exhibitors Will Send in their Entries As Early As Possible.

Schedules are now being printed and will be posted at an Early Date.

Members who have not yet Paid their Subscription and All Those who wish to Join the Society are kindly Requested to Send $5 Immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, February 3, 1926.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 10th February to the 22nd February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1926.

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Feb. 7.—O.S.K. Kaijo Maru
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12.—O.S.K. Suma Maru
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AMOY.
Feb. 6.—O. N. Kaigan
6.—J.C.J.L. Tjiliwong
7.—O.S.K. Kaijo Maru
7.—D. L. Haining
9.—O. N. Szechuen
10.—O. N. Kanchow
12.—O.S.K. Suma Maru
14.—O.S.K. Hozan Maru
Mar. 1.—J.C.J.L. Tjitodai

FOOCHOW.
Feb. 7.—D. L. Haining

SHANGHAI.
Feb. 6.—P. & O. Mantua
6.—N.Y.K. Toba Maru
6.—C. N. Yiugchow
6.—I.O.S.N. Cheongshing
6.—J.C.J.L. Tjiliwong
7.—C. N. Linan
9.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru
9.—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson
9.—J.C.J.L. Tjisondari
9.—C. N. Szechuen
9.—N.Y.K. Bengal Maru
10.—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru
10.—I.O.S.N. Hosang
10.—L. T. Venezia
10.—C. N. Kanchow
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12.—C. N. Shantung
14.—C.P.S. Emp. of Scotland
17.—N.Y.K. Toyooka Maru
19.—C.P.S. Empress of A'lia
20.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru
20.—N.Y.K. Kaga Maru
21.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley
21.—H.A.L. Muensterland
22.—N.Y.K. Hakozaki Maru
Mar. 1.—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas
9.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru
9.—J.C.J.L. Tjisalak
11.—L. T. Rosandra
20.—P. & O. Delta
22.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru
Apr. 11.—L. T. Fiume-L.
6.—T.K.K. Korea Maru
May 4.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru
June 15.—T.K.K. Korea Maru.

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Feb. 7.—O.S.K. Kaijo Maru
14.—O.S.K. Hozan Maru

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Feb. 6.—I.O.S.N. Cheongshing

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Feb 6.—I.O.S.N. Cheongshing.

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Feb. 6.—C. N. Yiugchow
11.—I.O.S.N. Tingsang
12.—C. N. Shantung

FAKHOI.
Feb. 18.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru
Mar. 4.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru

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Feb. 10.—I.O.S.N. Leesang
10.—C. N. Taming
18.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru
Mar. 4.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru

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Feb. 7.—M. M. Hanoi
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10.—C. N. Taming
18.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru

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Feb. 8.—C. N. Kiungchow
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19.—O.S.K. Sekkow Maru

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Feb. 8.—C. N. Kaigan

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Feb. 7.—N. L. Anhalt
13.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley
16.—$ Line Pres. Garfield
19.—$ Line Pres. Taft
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24.—N.Y.K. Mishima Maru
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Mar. 3.—E. & A. Tanda
7.—N. L. Fulda
9.—A.O.L. Pres. Grant
24.—N.Y.K. Tango Maru
26.—B. & S. Taiping
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May 5.—E. & A. St. Albans
June 2.—E. & A. Tanda
July 7.—E. & A. Arafura.

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Feb. 6.—C.N. Taikoowanyi
17.—Nanyo Y.K. Bandoeng Maru
20.—J.C.J.L. Tilkini
Mar. 1.—J.C.J.L. Tjisondari

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Feb. 6.—N.Y.K. Toba Maru
6.—P.&O. Mantua
6.—Nanyo Y.K. Cheribon Maru
7.—B.I. Tanda
9.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru
9.—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson
9.—N.Y.K. Bengal Maru
10.—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru
10.—I.O.S.N. Hosang
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18.—I.O.S.N. Sringsang
17.—N.Y.K. Chicago Maru
17.—T.K.K. Korea Maru
19.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia
19.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru
20.—N.Y.K. Kaga Maru
21.—H.A.L. Muensterland
23.—N.Y.K. Hakozaki Maru
23.—O.S.K. West Niger
23.—B.I. Shiraia
Mar. 9.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru
11.—L.T. Rosandra
17.—B.I. Protesilaus
20.—P. & O. Delta
22.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru
Apr. 11.—L.T. Fiume-L.

HONOLULU.
Feb. 9.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru
13.—$ Line Pres. Pierce
18.—C.P.S. Emp. of Scotland
20.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru
Mar. 9.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru
22.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, AND SEATTLE.
Feb. 19.—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson
17.—B.I. Tyndareus
20.—N.Y.K. Kaga Maru
21.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley
Mar. 5.—A.O.L. Pres. Jefferson
17.—A.O.L. Pres. Grant
17.—B.I. Protesilaus
29.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison

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Apr. 14.—T.K.K. Anyo Maru

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Feb. 20.—N.Y.K. Takatoyo Maru
Mar 5.—N.Y.K. Hakodate Maru
(VIA SUEZ.)
Feb. 7.—B.I. Ganfa
7.—O.S.K. Amazon Maru
10.—D. & Co. Bolton Castle
14.—C.P.S. Emp. of Scotland
17.—D. & Co. Comeric
28.—P. L. Eastern Prince
28.—E. L. City of Christiana
Mar. 7.—B.I. Ks. Companion
19.—B.I. Ajax
26.—E. L. City of Singapore

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Feb. 23.—U.S.S.B. West Niger

SAN FRANCISCO.
Feb. 9.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru
13.—$ Line Pres. Pierce
23.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru
27.—$ Line Pres. Taft
Mar. 9.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru
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Feb. 28.—N.Y.K. Kamakura Maru
Apr. 8.—O.S.K. Hawaii Maru

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Feb. 8.—H.A.L. Preussen
26.—E. A. Kina
27.—H.A.L. Ermland
Mar. 24.—E. A. Danmark

BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE.
Mar. 15.—L. T. Venezia
Apr. 12.—L. T. Rosandra
May 13.—L. T. Fiume-L.

GENOA.
Feb. 7.—N. L. Anhalt
8.—H.A.L. Preussen
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20.—J.C.J.L. Gemma
27.—H.A.L. Ermland
Mar. 5.—B. F. Peleus
7.—N. L. Fulda
20.—J.C.J.L. Zosma
20.—B. F. Telemachus
Apr. 17.—J.C.J.L. Oostkerk
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Feb. 20.—B. F. Antilochus
22.—E. L. City of Lahore
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20.—B. F. Telemachus

MARSEILLES.
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Feb. 6.—P. & O. Malwa
8.—H.A.L. Preussen
9.—B. F. Eumaeus
12.—N.Y.K. Kashima Maru
16.—M. M. D Artagnan
20.—J.C.J.L. Gemma
20.—P. & O. Karmala
20.—B. F. Antilochus
21.—E. L. City of Lahore
23.—B. F. Automedon
27.—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
Mar. 2.—M. M. Angkor
3.—B. F. Hector
9.—B. F. Perseus
13.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru
16.—M. M. Porthos
20.—J.C.J.L. Zosma
20.—B. F. Telemachus
23.—M. M. Andre Lebon

LIVERPOOL AND GLASGOW.
Feb. 9.—B. F. Eumaeus
20.—B. F. Antilochus
23.—B. F. Automedon
Mar. 3.—B. F. Hector
5.—B. F. Peleus
20.—B. F. Telemachus

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Feb. 20.—J.C.J.L. Gemma
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Mar. 3.—B. F. Hector
3.—E. A. Tongking
24.—E. A. Danmark
Apr. 17.—J.C.J.L. Oostkerk
May 15.—J.C.J.L. Ouderkerk

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(VIA SINGAPORE)
Feb. 6.—P. & O. Malwa
9.—B. F. Eumaeus
11.—O.S.K. Amazon Maru
13.—N.Y.K. Kashima Maru
18.—G. L. Pembrokeshire
20.—P. & O. Karmala
22.—E. L. City of Lahore
23.—B. F. Automedon
23.—B. F. Antilochus
27.—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
Mar. 3.—B. F. Hector
6.—P. & O. Mantua
9.—B. F. Perseus
9.—G. L. Glenliffer
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June 2.—B. F. Anticor
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Feb. 8.—H.A.L. Preussen
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11.—O.S.K. Amazon Maru
18.—G. L. Pembrokeshire
20.—J.C.J.L. Gemma
21.—E. L. City of Lahore
23.—B. F. Automedon
23.—B. F. Antilochus
26.—E. A. Kina
27.—H.A.L. Ermland
Mar. 3.—B. F. Hector
3.—E. A. Tongking
9.—B. F. Perseus
9.—G. L. Glenliffer
20.—J.C.J.L. Zosma
24.—E. A. Danmark
Apr. 6.—G. L. Glenshany
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May 4.—G. L. Glenshane
15.—J.C.J.L. Ouderkerk

Mar. 7.—N. L. Fulda
13.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru
Feb 8.—H.A.L. Preussen
7.—N. L. Anhalt
9.—B. F. Eumaeus
17.—O. L. Pembrokeshire
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23.—B. F. Automedon
Mar. 7.—N. L. Fulda

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Feb. 7.—N. L. Anhalt
8.—H.A.L. Preussen
20.—J.C.J.L. Gemma
Mar. 7.—N. L. Fulda
21.—J.C.J.L. Zosma
Apr. 4.—N. L. Derflinger
17.—J.C.J.L. Oostkerk
May 15.—J.C.J.L. Ouderkerk

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Feb. 8.—H.A.L. Preussen
9.—B. F. Eumaeus
13.—N. L. Anhalt
14.—O.S.K. Amazon Maru
18.—G. L. Pembrokeshire
21.—J.C.J.L. Gemma
22.—E. L. City of Lahore
23.—B. F. Antilochus
23.—B. F. Automedon
26.—E. A. Kina
27.—H.A.L. Ermland
Mar. 2.—H.S.L. Havenstein
3.—E. A. Tongking
7.—N. L. Fulda
9.—B. F. Perseus
9.—G. L. Glenliffer
10.—J.C.J.L. Zosma
24.—E. A. Danmark
26.—H.S.L. Albert Voegler
Apr. 4.—N. L. Derflinger
6.—G. L. Glenamoy
17.—J.C.J.L. Oostkerk
29.—H.S.L. Scheer
Mar 1.—N. L. Trier
4.—G. L. Glenshane
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Mar. 3.—E. A. Tongking
24.—E. A. Danmark

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"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles & London
"KASHGAR"	8,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May	Marseilles and London
"KHYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	26th June	Marseilles & London
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"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SHIRALA"	7,841	23rd Feb.	Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	13th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,087	20th Mar.	Shanghai and Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"KASHGAR"	9,005	18th April	Shanghai Moji and Kobe
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai.
"MANTUA"	10,902	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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FROM NORTH CHINA.

Feb.	18.—J.C.J.L.	Tikinl
	21.—J.C.J.L.	Tjisondari

FROM SHANGHAI.

Feb.	13.—A.O.L.	Pres. McKinley
	23.—J.C.J.L.	Tjisadari

FROM SINGAPORE.

Feb.	8.—I.C.S.N.	Hoseng
	14.—B. F.	Telemachus
	17.—B. F.	Talthybius
	28.—B. F.	Calchas
Mar.	3.—B. F.	Ajax
	3.—B. F.	Sarpedon
	6.—B. F.	Machaon
	14.—B. F.	Rhexenor
	18.—B. F.	Diomed
	28.—B. F.	Menelaus
	30.—B. F.	Patroclus
Apr.	3.—B. F.	Adrastus
	11.—B. F.	Merionesa
	15.—B. F.	Lycaon

FROM CALCUTTA.

Feb.	14.—N. L.	Tuma
	21.—B. L.	Shirala

FROM BOMBAY.

Feb.	19.—P. & O.	Delta

FROM JAVA.

Feb.	7.—J.C.J.L.	Tjisondari
	19.—J.C.J.L.	Tjimanoek
	20.—J.C.J.L.	Tjiksrang
	27.—J.C.J.L.	Tjiboedas
Mar.	7.—J.C.J.L.	Tjiselak

FROM JAPAN.

Feb.	12.—A.O.L.	Pres. McKinley
	17.—B. L.	Tilawa
	20.—B. L.	Talamba

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Feb.	21.—N.Y.K	Mishima Maru
Mar.	2.—N.Y.K.	Iyo Maru
	12.—E. & A.	Arafura
	13.—N.Y.K.	Tango Maru
Apr.	9.—E. & A.	St. Albans
May	7.—E. & A.	Tanda
June	11.—E. & A.	Arafura

FROM SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.

Feb.	12.—A.O.L.	Pres. McKinley
	24.—A.O.L.	Pres. Jefferson
Mar.	3.—N.Y.K	Iyo Maru
	4.—B. F.	Protesilaus
	8.—A.O.L.	Pres. Grant
	30.—A.O.L.	Pres. Madison
	30.—B. F.	Ixion

FROM LONDON.

Feb.	9.—G. L.	Glenogle
	19.—P. & O.	Khiva
	23.—G. L.	Glenamoy
Mar.	4.—G. L.	Glengarry
	5.—P. & O.	Morea
	12.—P. & O.	Kalyan
	19.—P. & O.	Devanha
	23.—G. L.	Glenshane
Apr.	1.—G. L.	Glenapp
	15.—G. L.	Carmarthenshire

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Feb.	14.—B. F.	Telemachus
	17.—B. F.	Talthybius
Mar.	2.—B. F.	Sarpedon
	30.—B. F.	Patroclus

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Feb.	7.—B. L.	Benvorlich
	9.—J.C.J.L.	Zosma
	12.—N.Y.K.	Kashima Maru
	26.—N.Y.K.	Hakone Maru
Mar.	9.—J.C.J.L.	Oostkerk
Apr.	15.—J.C.J.L.	Ouderkerk

FROM MARSEILLES.

Feb.	17.—M. M.	Porthos
Mar.	3.—M. M.	Andre Lebon
	17.—M. M.	Paul Lecat
	31.—M. M.	Amboise

FROM HAMBURG.

Feb.	23.—N. L.	Derfflinger
Mar.	27.—N. L.	Trier
Apr.	24.—N. L.	Saarbruecken
May	22.—N. L.	Coblenz
June	19.—N. L.	Anhalt
July	15.—N. L.	Fulda
Aug.	12.—N. L.	Derfflinger
Sept.	11.—N. L.	Trier

FROM COPENHAGEN.

Feb.	17.—E. A.	Danmark
	20.—E. A.	Arabien
Mar.	15.—E. A.	Asia
Apr.	20.—E. A.	Java

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Miss H. Lillie	Mr S. Wylie
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The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 31, at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-day.

The B.L. s.s. "Benvorlich" from Middlebro', Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on Feb. 1, and is due to arrive here on Feb. 7.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 10th of February, 1926, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned before the 15th of February, 1926, or they will not be recognised.

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Kobe via Shanghai	HOSANG	Wed.,	10th Feb., at 4 p.m.
Tsingtau via Shanghai	TINGSANG	Thurs.,	11th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Moji	LAISANG	Tues.,	16th Feb., at 7 a.m.
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TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 24th March.

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TAKETOYO MARU ... Saturday, 20th February.
HAKODATE MARU ... Friday, 5th March.

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WAKASA MARU ... Wednesday, 10th February.
TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Monday, 15th February.

RANGOON via SINGAPORE & PENANG.

SHINSEI MARU ... Thursday, 18th February.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 17th February.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TOBA MARU ... Saturday, 6th February.
BENGAL MARU ... Tuesday, 9th February.
FUSHIMI MARU ... Wednesday, 10th February.
TOYOOKA MARU ... Wednesday, 17th February.
HAKOZAKI MARU ... Monday, 22nd February.

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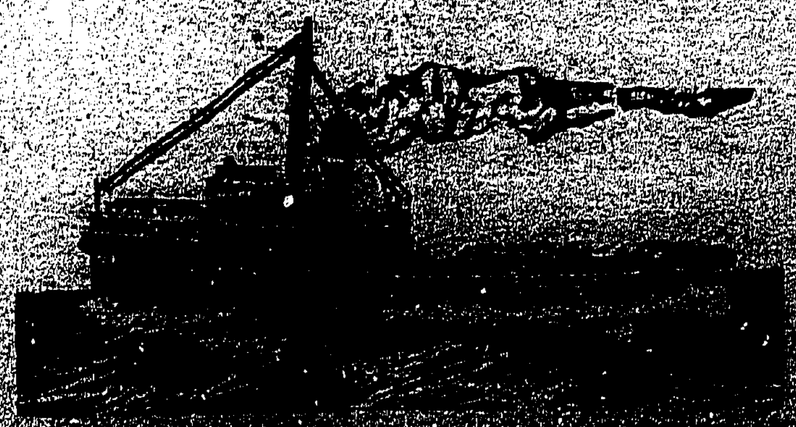

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Hongkong, Friday, February 5, 1926.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI'S SPEECH.

The British are a patient race, but their patience has a limit. The speech His Excellency the Governor made in the Legislative Council yesterday morning regarding the boycott shows that the limit has nearly been reached so far as the Canton strike pickets are concerned. Sir Cecil Clementi spoke with the quiet emphasis of a man who means what he says. And what he said yesterday morning represents the feelings of every Briton in this part of the world, and we have, no doubt, the feelings of the Home Government as well. Hongkong sought no quarrel with the Chinese and wants none. The great mass of the Chinese know that, and would be friends with us to-morrow if they could. The sole bar to peace is the terrorism of the strike pickets.

The Canton Government permits this terrorism to continue, pretending that it is only a mediator in the dispute. That claim, as Sir Cecil Clementi showed yesterday, is absurd. The Canton Government is responsible for maintaining law and order in the territory under its control, and inasmuch as it has left unchecked and unpunished the illegal activities of the strike pickets, it is accessory to flagrant violations of treaty rights and actually renders itself liable for all losses incurred owing to such illegal activities. Sir Cecil Clementi's warning to the Canton Government in this respect has not come a moment too soon. The Canton Government has carried on its little game [illegible] drastic" action to deal with any attempts to cause a new strike. Scarcely one of the workers who left last year did so of his own accord. Nearly every man went only because he was intimidated into going. To-day, as Sir Cecil Clementi pointed out in his speech, almost the whole body of Hongkong labourers is now again at work. These men have no grievance, economic or political, against the British, and it would be a crime to incite trouble among them. The Canton emissaries who may attempt to commit that crime will receive scant mercy when caught. Sir Cecil Clementi made that clear, and he has the full support of all right thinking people in the Colony.

Sir Cecil Clementi's confidence that the community can be relied upon to rise to the occasion again should the workmen be so incredibly foolish as to strike, is not misplaced. Added to the knowledge that our cause is just would be the exasperation of being made the victims of stupid, and wholly futile, attacks two years running. Thus, so far from being driven to any feelings of despair, as our enemies might hope, we should simply be the more determined to win through again. Those who may be meditating any fresh mischief against the Colony would do well to remember that the British are never so dogged as when they appear to be losing most. There is a saying that we win only one battle—and that is the last!

But with Sir Cecil Clementi, we think the prospects of further trouble are remote. The Chinese in Hongkong have good reason to know the value of British justice, and painful memories to remind them of the brutal selfishness of the strike leaders. None the less we are glad His Excellency spoke yesterday as he did. The workers have done foolish things before and they might be betrayed into doing them again. It is well that they should know we do not regard the latter prospect with any anxiety, but rather with firm resolve, nothing daunted by the possible need to carry on without their services, and as last year, perhaps in the teeth of every attempt to harm the Colony.

Sir Cecil Clementi has acted with the greatest wisdom in taking the Colony into the Government's confidence, alike regarding the serious light in which it views the complicity of the Canton authorities in the boycott, and the attempts recently made to incite further trouble among the workmen in Hongkong. All right thinking people in Hongkong and [illegible] and the authorities at Home to protect our trade from further injury and our honour from further insult.

THE GREAT UNPAID.

The proposed change in the Magistrates Ordinance, it seems to us, does not go far enough. A change is desirable in the matter of increasing the duties of that by no means small army of honorary Justices of the Peace. In certain parts of England gentleman honoured by a J.P.-ship are pleasantly described as the great unpaid. They do certain magisterial service and receive no pay for what they do. These gentlemen sit to consider applications for licence to sell intoxicating liquor. They assemble at Sessions; often form part of a Grand Jury, and singly, guided by one skilled in the law, listen to simple cases that, generally, are not complicated and where the issue is clear. In Hongkong the conferring of a Justiceship of the Peace is regarded as an honour. It denotes that the holder enjoys the confidence of the Government, or, to be candidly accurate, that he has lived here some time, and in his own way, stands for regularity of conduct, uprightness of character, etc., etc. Such an one may administer oaths, take part in certain local elections, and visit the prison. We submit these duties should be enlarged; that our great unpaid should know what it is to sit on a bench and to listen to the things which have brought alleged law breakers to the bar of justice. This proposal does not for a moment suggest that those who at present administer the law do so perfunctorily, indifferently, or without due regard to all the circumstances of a case. The gentlemen who sit in judgment merit all the good things that can be said of them. Rarely, if ever, is justice harshly administered. The meanest coolie can be certain that any charges against him will receive full consideration, and that the best he has to offer will weigh in his favour. This is so obvious that a repetition seems hardly called for. What we stress is that greater use should be made of the Colony's honorary Justices; that they should, in rota, do some of the work now being done by Government Cadets. Economy might be effected in this way—certainly economy of effort, setting apart the services of Government servants in channels that will lead to perfect administration. The question arises of the appointment of women as Justices of the Peace. But, as Mr. Kipling would say, this is another story.

OBITUARY.

MISS ROSE CHAUN.

A former popular student at St. Stephen's College, Girl's Miss Rose Chaun, whose death took place at the French Hospital yesterday afternoon, will be missed by many friends there and in other circles.

Miss Chaun, who was the second daughter of Dr. M. H. Chaun, was nineteen years of age. The cause of her death was influenza followed by pulmonary complications.

She is survived by her father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Chaun, four sisters, and four brothers, among whom is Dr. K. W. Chaun, who only recently returned from America upon the completion of his education.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, starting from the French Hospital.

LIGHT OPERA.

RUSSIAN IMPERIAL CO. RETURNS.

The Russian Imperial Light Opera Company returned from Manila this morning where they had a very successful season playing to enthusiastic audiences. Although they did not expect to return to Hongkong until they had completed their circuit, lack of transportation from Manila to Singapore has caused this change in their plans. They will play at the Theatre Royal while awaiting their steamer.

Their starting for the proving will be Chari Ch'i which is a variety show in which the audience is asked to participate. It is [illegible] called "Chari Ch'i consists of music dancing interspersed with a sprinkling of nonsense which wins the hearts of all.

[illegible]

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

BREVITY. The shortest poem in the world is said to be the outpouring of one Eli Siegel and is called "One Question." It goes thus:

I—
Why?

Some poem!

Is there a Swiss language? Swiss A gentleman has poured scorn on the suggestion that a certain book has been translated into Swiss. He likens it to the discovery by the late William Jennings Bryan of the Swiss Navy.

CERTAINLY. Strictly speaking the question should be: "Should Bachelors be asked?"

RECIPES IN RHYME. Teaching grammar by rhyme is not unknown. Teaching cookery in the same way seems to be new. Here is an excellent recipe with a good piece of advice in the last line:—

If peach marmalade perchance
you'd make,
Then four parts cut-up peaches
take;
Add three parts sugar and slowly cook,
To keep from burning often
look.
When thick and rich, then cook
no more,
But into glasses quickly pour,
Now store away on cellar shelf,
But don't eat every bit yourself.

WHY? No explanation for the latest bit of conspicuous literary plagiarism has yet come to light—that is no explanation that explains. Jacob Wassermann, a German novelist, known internationally incorporated in his book a whole chapter, virtually word for word, from Prescott's "Conquest of Peru." Why did he do it? He is not scatter-brained. He could easily have revamped the material. That is what even an eighth-rate novelist would have done. Perhaps this is the point. He refused to stoop to these tactics. But why not give the credit to Prescott? He could not have hoped to get away with his stunt without being found out. Perhaps this is the point. Discovery would bring exposure; exposure would bring the usual discussion over plagiarism, with the familiar pros and cons—citations of Shakespeare as the greatest plagiarist of them all, quotations from Goethe. Publicity is the greatest factor among those that affect a novelist's ropalties. P. S.—He got the publicity.

W. L. GEORGE. Novelists have this to themselves, that they make numberless friends unknown to them. Whatever they write, they can always depend upon numbers of faithful ones who flock to read what they have written. This was probably true of W. L. George who has just died. Latterly he devoted himself to the easier paths of popular journalism, shedding rays of illumination on a supposedly complex subject—femininity. But as with most writers, one book seems to stand out from all the rest, and on this any writer may be glad to be remembered. George's "The making of an Englishman" stamped him as a writer of imagination. How it reads now, the Shreds man cannot say; but in earlier days it proved an interesting study of how English ways appeared to a Frenchman.

TOO FAR. Judge Parry tells of an incident in a County Court, when the defendant was cross-examining the plaintiff. It happened, as it does sometimes happen, that both were members of the same religion.

"You have sworn that what you say is true"

"That is so"

"Can you swear it by the memory of your father and mother?"

"Of course."

"Will you swear it by the great Jehovah?"

"Most certainly."

An impressive pause, "Are you prepared to bet five shillings that what you say is true?"

"I don't know," answered the other, hedging, "that I can go quite so far as that!"

The tercentenary of the death of Bacon in 1926 takes place this year; also the bicentenary of Swift's "Gulliver's Travels," 1726; and the centenary of Cooper's "The Last of the Mohicans," 1826.

BOOKS. The following from Lao-tse surely sums up the work of books as nothing else can.

A man may know the world
without leaving the shelter of
his roof. The Sage knows
things without travelling,
names things without having
seen them and performs every-
thing without action.

TO A DYING MOSQUITO.

Small foolish biter,
Thin winged humming pest,
Could you have felt
that zooming flight and rest
On breeze bent grasses
Were your life's real zest,
You might be zooming still,
The end unguessed
But no, greed stayed your wing
I did the rest

Was one meal worth the cost?
Did one large bite,
That stretched your body
To a red globe bright,
Contain satiety of mad delight
So that you deem well lost
That singing flight?

It's late to ask
This clot of legs and wings
Holds little kinship with the
light that sings;
But if your shade regrets,
My bite still stings.

THE KING'S ENGLISH.

Mr. John Galsworthy has been discoursing on the art of saying what you mean. He pronounces that English is the best language in the world "when well spoken or well written," which is very gratifying. In spite of all temptations to belong to other nations, he remains an Englishman. The familiar opinions that Latin is the best language for tombstones, Italian to sing in, and Spanish to swear in do not trouble him. But he does believe that the great Russians, notably Tolstoy and Tchekoff, have attained to a subtlety of expression unknown to many of those whose language is blundering English or obscure French. This is a respectful faith which few of us can venture to contest. Such a command of the Russian language as will enable a man to compare the subtleties of Tchekoff with those of Flaubert is not yet general. Omne ignotum pro magnifico. Mr. Galsworthy's ultimate convictions about English are a little obscure. He suggests, what nobody will deny, that many of those who use it treat it badly, and, like a good democrat, declares that an affected Oxford accent does more harm than an uneducated Cockney speech. The comparison is not illuminating. The worst foes of the Oxford accent, the lisped vowels, the slurred and weakened consonants, are [illegible] Cockney. [illegible] Dryden, Shelley and Swinburne, Carlyle and Ruskin, to take names as they come to the pen, did not attain to harmonies and express ideas which Shakespeare never attempted. But Mr. Galsworthy assures us that Shakespeare crystallised everything. Even our modern slang, or much of it, we have taken from him. There is, of course, a sense in which this is true, but only, we submit, a fallacious sense. Nearly all great writers, excepting only those who are austerely intolerant of neologism, adopt some contemporary slang, and, by the stamp of their approval, make it good English. But when we think of modern slang we do not mean anything to be found in the Shakespearean canon. We mean such phrases as Mr. Galsworthy himself quotes: "It gets my goat." "By golly, I rode that son of a gun of a horse to beat the band!" These flowers of speech we readily agree, are vivid. When Mr. Galsworthy challenges any English critic to condemn them we have no notion what he means. Only a pedant would object to their colloquial use. Current speech ought to make continual experiments. Thus the language is refreshed and vivified. But that these [illegible] expressions deserve to become or are likely to become accredited English we cannot admit. The test which a slang phrase has to pass [illegible]

WIRELESS STRIKE.

DEFINITE STEP TOWARD A SETTLEMENT.

REFERRED TO ARBITRATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 4.

A step toward the settlement of the marine wireless strike has been taken as the outcome of a meeting in the House of Commons between representatives of the men's Union and a number of Conservative, Labour, and Liberal M.P.'s at which the Union agreed to submit the whole dispute to arbitration.

No Shipping Missing.

London, later.

In the House of Commons the Labourites put a number of questions arising from the ships' wireless operators' strike to Sir Cunliffe Lister, who, in replying, said that no ships subject to the provisions of the Wireless Telegraphy Act had been reported missing since November 26.

He mentioned that 1,187 ships, of which 85 were passenger ships, had sailed without operators since the beginning of the dispute to January 31. He added that it was not proposed to alter the present procedure.

[The points upon which the Union declares it is awaiting a settlement are: (1) Signature of Shipping Federation to the agreement on behalf of their members wherever, and however, their operators are employed; (2) an increase in the present foreign service allowance, and the sum to be placed on a flat rate basis; (3) withdrawal of Shipping Federation circular regarding "other duties" on Class I vessels; (4) maintenance allowance on weekly vessels; (5) annual leave; (6) stability in the wireless service. These, it was emphasised a month ago, must be settled to the Union's satisfaction before any adjustment of wages can be discussed.]

MORE POWER.

BARRAGE IN THE RIVER SEVERN.

GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 4.

Colonel Moore Brabazon, Under-Secretary for Transport, stated in the House of Commons that the Committee of Civil Research had reported to the effect that a prima facie case had been established for undertaking further investigations with a view to determining whether the difficulties of constructing a barrage in the River Severn for the purpose of developing electric power could be surmounted. This recommendation had been accepted by the Government.

SCRAP OF PAPER.

SOVIET BREAKING TRADE AGREEMENT.

PROPAGANDA IN CHINA.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 4.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Frederick Hall (Conservative, Cumberwell), Mr. G. Locker Lampson said that evidence had been received that the Soviet Government in China and elsewhere was not observing the terms of the Russo-British Trading Agreement, whereby it undertook not to carry on or support anti-British propaganda; but he did not think that the abrogation of the Agreement would serve any useful purpose.

A BLIZZARD.

WASHINGTON'S WINTER WEATHER.

TWO BARGES SINK.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 4.

The Capital and the Eastern section of the country is again experiencing a blizzard weather. There was a heavy snow fall last night, and more is forecasted for to-day.

Eight persons were drowned off the Jersey coast through the sinking of two barges.

DISARMAMENT.

WHY CONFERENCE IS POSTPONED.

HOPE FOR RUSSIA.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 4.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. G. Locker Lampson said he believed that a postponement of the preliminary Disarmament Conference was due to a wish that Germany might participate in the Conference as a member of the League of Nations and a hope that by a short delay the present obstacles to the participation of Russia would be removed.

PROHIBITION.

EVIL EFFECTS IN UNITED STATES.

A NEW MOVEMENT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 4.

A movement aiming at the modification of prohibition and legalising beer and light wines has been inaugurated by the Church Temperance Society, which consists of clergy and laymen belonging to the Episcopal Church, including 21 Bishops, among whom is Bishop Manning.

The New York Society's report says that prohibition has increased drinking among the young, discouraged the consumption of wine and beer, and increased the demand for distilled liquors, mostly poisonous. Prohibition has resulted in disrespect for the laws, and is a class of legislation discriminating in favour of the rich.

MINERS ENTOMBED.

ANOTHER CALAMITY IN PITTSBURG.

SEQUEL TO A FIRE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Pittsburg, Feb. 4.

Three men were killed and twenty entombed as the result of a coal mine explosion which occurred whilst the miners were dealing with an outbreak of fire.

Hope Abandoned.

Pittsburg, later.

Hope has been abandoned of rescuing any of the remaining entrapped miners. The mine has accordingly been sealed up to smother the fire.

It appears that 21 miners were below at the time of the explosion. Only two of the five brought to the surface were alive, thus leaving 16 still entombed.

COLOUR BAR.

SOUTH AFRICAN BILL PASSED.

WARNING BY SMUTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Capetown, Feb. 4.

The Assembly has passed the third reading of the Colour Bar Bill after General Smuts had uttered a final impressive warning against it.

He declared that the Bill would mean the opening of the flood gates and the beginning of a chapter in the history of the country which they might all bitterly regret in future years.

The voting on the Bill was—

For	64.
Against	47.
Majority	17.

FLYING BOAT.

BUILT FOR AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

"CHRISTENING" TO-MORROW.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 4.

At Southampton on Saturday Lady Cook, wife of Sir Joseph Cook, High Commissioner for Australia, is to christen the first super-marine Napier amphibian flying boat [illegible] Air Force [illegible]

FIXING A DATE.

MR. BALDWIN AND IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

CONSULTING DOMINIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 4.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions Mr. Stanley Baldwin (Prime Minister) said that the Government was communicating with the Dominions and India with a view to fixing the most suitable date for the Imperial Conference, in regard to which he hoped to make an announcement shortly.

Asked if the Conference would include an Economic Conference simultaneously Mr. Baldwin replied "Obviously."

AN HOUR'S PROTEST.

FRENCH SHOPS AND OFFICES CLOSE.

"TREAT ALL FAIRLY."

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Feb. 4.

All shops and business houses in the Rue Saint Honore closed for an hour to protest against the new taxation and fiscal inequality.

Notices were posted up outside quoting figures showing the disproportionate amount paid by business people compared with farmers last year.

The shopkeepers have expressed their readiness voluntarily to contribute to the national sinking fund provided that all Frenchmen are treated fairly.

THE BOYCOTT.

I.M.S.G. TAKES STEPS AT HOME.

Dated Jan. 5, the following has been received from the Imperial Merchant Service Guild:—

In view of the nature of the reports which have been received of recent date from members and from the China Coast Officers' Guild regarding the shipping position in China arising out of the Canton boycott, the Imperial Merchant Service Guild have again been in communication with the Foreign Office on this matter. The Guild is assured in reply that constant communication has been maintained with the Colonial Office and with the British Diplomatic and Consular authorities in China with a view to taking advantage of any opportunity which may arise for the alleviation of the situation. As it would appear that the Canton Government desire to reach a settlement, unofficial negotiations are proceeding with the object of preparing the way for the resumption of normal relations between Hongkong and Canton. The Foreign Office requests the Guild to reassure their members that everything possible is being done to facilitate the termination of the boycott and strike, which have been so disastrous to British economic interests.

GLOBE TROTTERS.

Last night the "Globe Trotters" again delighted a crowded house at the Star Theatre, Kowloon.

Dick Norton was exceptionally good in his impersonation of two well known Kowloon residents, this being received with roars of laughter.

The Co. remains at the Star till Sunday night.

Three robbers, pretending to be police officers searching for arms, took property valued at $154.50 from a sampan at Shamshuipo last night.

Four survivors of the crew of an abandoned fishing junk capsized at sea were brought to the Colony by the s.s. "Laomedon" from Shanghai.

CHINA'S TARIFFS.

NEW PROPOSAL EMANATES FROM JAPAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, Feb. 4.

From a reliable source it is learned that Mr. Saburi, Director of the Commercial Bureau of the Foreign Office, is leaving for Peking on February 7 with a new proposition for a graduated tariff from 7½ per cent. upward.

It is understood that the Foreign Office is optimistic that the Tariff Conference will end successfully within three months of re-opening.

No Definite Conclusions.

London, Feb. 4.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Arthur Ponsonby (Labour, Brightside, Sheffield), Mr. G. Locker Lampson explained the position as regards the Tariff Conference in China.

He stated that informal discussions were being held among the foreign delegation and Chinese experts, notably concerning the Customs rates leviable before the operation of the Chinese Tariff laws, but no definite conclusions had been reached.

SPANISH FLIGHT.

GOOD WORK OF BRITISH ENGINES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 4.

In a cablegram to Napiers, Limited, whose 450 H.P. Napier Lion engines are fitted in the Dormier-Wall flying boat in which Commander Franco flew from Spain to South America, the Spanish airman states that owing to damage to the airscrew, he had to cut out the rear engine and to fly the last half of the 800 miles trip from Fernando de Noronha to the mainland on the front engine only.

The flight of 1,400 miles from Cape Verde Island was accomplished, without a stop, on both engines; and Commander Franco states that the Napier Lion engines had to work many hours at a heavier output than normal.

OFF AGAIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Pernambuco, Feb. 4.

The necessary repairs being completed, Commander Franco has resumed his flight to Rio di Janeiro.

Brazil's Welcome.

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 4.

Commander Franco has arrived here. He was escorted by a squadron of welcoming Brazilian aeroplanes.

COTTON GROWING.

POSSIBILITIES IN SOUTH AMERICA.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 4.

The International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Associations has decided to send a mission to Columbia and Peru to study the present cotton growing situation, and the future possibilities.

The mission, consisting of Mr. Arthur Foster, a prominent manufacturer, and Mr. A. S. Pearse, the Federation's Secretary, sails on February 6.

PORTUGAL CALM.

TWO INSURGENT LEADERS ARRESTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 4.

A message despatched at 8 p.m. from Lisbon semi-officially announces that there is complete calm throughout the country.

The two leaders of the insurgents have been arrested and taken on board a warship.

FRUIT SHIPMENTS.

NEW METHOD OF FROST STORAGE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 4.

Laboratory experiments, carried out by Professor Thompson, of Liverpool university, are stated to have resulted in the discovery of a new methods of frost storage, whereby it will be possible to import tropical fruits into Britain without deterioration in quality.

It is claimed that the new method may ultimately supersede cold storage and the "Daily Mail" states that fruit importers are instituting further tests to be made on a commercial basis.

Professor Thompson says that the basis of the new method is the reproduction whilst in store of the natural atmospheric conditions to which the fruit is accustomed.

By means of a simple apparatus, the temperature and humidity of the air constantly maintained and the fruit in these conditions remains normal.

It is stated that the adaptation of ships' holds to the new method of storage will present no difficulty.

CHINESE BONDS.

ENOUGH MONEY FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Feb. 4.

Treasury bonds to the value of $6,000,000 are apparently being "put through."

The Government asserts that it possesses sufficient funds to carry on for three months unless the Kuominchun demand money for offensive purposes.

[Referring to the Chinese Government Bonds in the London market, Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, the Acting Chinese Minister in London, regrets that some of the bonds have been defaulting, but he assures foreign investors that these bonds will be made good as soon as China has a free hand in her financial reorganisation. He is sure when the Tariff Conference now sitting in Peking closes with success, the Chinese Government will have plenty of money out of the increased revenue to meet her foreign debts. Then China's credit in the foreign markets will be resumed to its normal state. China is not a bad debtor; she will pay when she is able to the last farthing. On the Stock Exchange Chinese loans have improved on the excellent revenue return of the past year.]

PRINCE BETTER.

CHEERED BY CROWD AFTER THE THEATRE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 3.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, accompanied by a party of friends, went to a London theatre last night.

After the performance, he walked with ease to his car, being cheered by the crowd.

[Last week the Prince sustained a fractured collarbone, as a result of a fall in the hunting field.]

TO COLOGNE.

AIR SERVICE FROM LONDON TO CONTINUE.

Rugby, Feb. 4.

The "Times" says that the continuance of the London-Cologne air service of the Imperial Airways has been in doubt, owing to the evacuation of Cologne by British troops.

The difficulty, however, has been temporarily overcome by limited authority from the German Government to use the aerodrome for another two months.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Entries for the Kowloon Cricket Club's annual lawn tennis tournament close on February 14.

An interesting photograph of the "Regent Street" of Tokyo, recently opened, has appeared in the "Manchester Guardian."

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended Wednesday, shows one (Chinese) case of diphtheria.

A very interesting photograph of Fanling golf courses from the air has been presented to the Royal Hongkong Golf Club by the golfing officers of H.M.S. "Hermes."

The thirty-ninth ordinary annual meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., will be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on Tuesday, February 23, at 11 a.m.

Of life in Mukden, the writer of "A Londoner's Diary" in the "Evening Standard" says:—Young Englishmen and Americans who liked it liked it very much. They used to say emphatically "This is the life." The scarcity of European and American women implied freedom from the minuteness of social stratification common to most Far Eastern communities of Europeans, and a British Consul would ask a stranger to have a drink in an entirely human manner.

Since the Locarno reconciliation there has been considerable talk of "burying the hatchet" at the exclusive St. James' Club and inviting the German diplomats in London to become members. There have been hints that an invitation may be extended to the Germans early this year. St. James' is the diplomats' club par excellence of London. The majority of members are understood to favour German membership as part of the new spirit of peace which Foreign Secretary Chamberlain has introduced into international politics.

To-morrow (Saturday) afternoon the annual prize distribution will be held at all the free schools (for poor boys) conducted by the Chung Sing Society.

A complete performance of the musical play "Chu Chin Chow," lasting more than two hours, was broadcast from 2LO on Sunday afternoon, January 24.

The s.s. "Tanda" which arrived at daylight to-day from Australia, had a gross tonnage of 7,000 tons, with 2,000 tons of general and frozen cargo for Hongkong and China ports.

The Hongkong Missionary Fellowship yesterday discussed the question whether the influence of the Cinema is pernicious or not. Those taking part in the discussion included Messrs. E. G. Stewart, P. Sands and B. Randall.

Sitting as Coroner at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Major C. Willson held an inquiry into the death of two Chinese from injuries received in a fall from the third floor of a house in Queen's Road during a visit by police officers. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Referring to the Chinese Government Bonds in the London market, Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, the Acting Chinese Minister in London, regrets that some of the bonds have been defaulting, but he assures foreign investors that these bonds will be made good as soon as China has a free hand in her financial reorganisation. He is sure when the Tariff Conference now sitting in Peking closes with success, the Chinese Government will have plenty of money out of the increased revenue to meet her foreign debts. Then China's credit in the foreign markets will be resumed to its normal state. China is not a bad debtor; she will pay when she is able to the last farthing. On the Stock Exchange Chinese loans have improved on the excellent revenue return of the past year.

Members of the Russian Opera Co. (Shanghai Theatrical Enterprises) arrived in the Colony to-day by the "Tanda."

The annual general meeting of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on Saturday, February 20, at 11 a.m.

A number of locomotives, amongst the largest ever built in Britain, have been completed at Scotswood Locomotive Works of Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., Ltd., states "Modern Transport," for the South Australian railways.

Foreign visitors to Tokyo have diminished since the earthquake. Statistics recently given out by municipal officials for 1924 show that 26,665 foreigners passed through Tokyo during the year. Of this number there were 3,402 American and 2,962 British. The total for 1924—the year of the earthquake, was 23,556, but in 1922 there were 28,595.

H.M.S. "Calliope" has been taken into dock at Kowloon with rudder trouble but it is anticipated that repairs will be completed in time for her sailing on February 8. The change of the crews of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and H.M.S. "Tamar" will be completed by to-day, H.M.S. "Yarmouth" having been berthed at the North Wall of the Naval Yard. Both the "Yarmouth" and the "Calliope" should sail for England on Monday.

The word "whaling" suggests "Moby Dick" and books dealing with harpooning, but when you see it written on a card in a London shop window it means something quite different. For in the train of Russian boots has come a new industry. As soon as they become flabby at the tops these boots are taken to the shop for "whaling;" that is, bones are fixed in the side to make them stop up. Several shops say that they are doing a tremendous lot of work of this kind.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Passengers on the "Tanda" which arrived to-day, included Mr. W. Somerset Maugham, the well known writer.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Talate returned to the Colony yesterday by the "Kashmir." Other passengers included Dr. C. Drach and Mr. H. Holgate.

Mr. Garrett M. Hemsworth, of Vancouver, Oriental Representative of the Canadian Railways, returned to Hongkong yesterday on the "President Pierce."

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, (Captain Superintendent of Police) arrived on the P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" to-day returning to the Colony after long leave. Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.F. (Acting Captain Superintendent of Police) will soon proceed on long leave.

Among the passengers leaving on the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" to-morrow for England is Mrs. A. H. Barlow, wife of the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Lieut. Comdr. Conway Hake, R.N.R. (Assistant Harbour Master) and Mr. H. J. Lamb, are also passengers on the vessel for Home.

Hongkong passengers by the "Mantua" which arrives to-day, include Mr. V. M. Grayburn of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd., Mr. K. E. Grieg, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. C. Mackenzie, Mr. G. C. Moss of the Fire Brigade, and Mrs. Moss, Mr. A. B. Stewart of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. P. D. Wilson of the P.W.D., and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton of Messrs. Deacons, and Mrs. Shenton.

Dr. Wu Lien-teh, Head of the Manchurian Plague Prevention Service, is arriving passenger on board the "Hoi Punnel" mail steamer "Hervey" for Tientsin via Shanghai, which arrived yesterday. Dr. Wu represented the Chinese Government at the Plague Conference held at Mukden last year. On the occasion of the Conference he was the guest of the Japanese Government and was presented with the Order of the Rising Sun. He is a graduate of Edinburgh University and has served for the last 20 years in Manchuria on religious and sanitary work.

Lady Lugard is the guest of her brother, Colonel [illegible] at Government House, Nairobi, Kenya Colony, East Africa.

Mr. W. L. Handyside of Saiyingpun School, and Mrs. Handyside are leaving the Colony this week on Home leave.

Mr. J. Wilson of s.s. "Kamangsi" had the pleasure of being the second person in North Borneo, to hear Rugby's signals, Mr. Wade Superiendent of Telegraphs being the first.

Impressive scene marked the funeral of M. le Comte Pierre de Broc, the chief accountant of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Tientsin, a very well-known and much respected member of the French community, who died in the French Hospital after a few days' illness.

The Hongkong St. Andrews Society will hold their annual ball on Friday, February 26, commencing at 9.30 p.m. The first reel practice will be held on Friday and the second on Tuesday, February 19 and 23, respectively from 5.30 to 7 p.m. on both dates.

Since it became known that the Hon. Mr. F. W. Fraser, C.B.E., Government Secretary, intended to leave the State in May next and retire on pension, there has been considerable speculation as to which officer would be selected to succeed him in the important post of Government Secretary, says the "B.N.B. Herald."

Prince Chichibu of Japan visited a number of Salvation Army institutions on December 22, and displayed keen interest in the various activities of the organisation. He was received at the International Headquarters, 101 Queen Victoria Street, by Commissioner Bramwell Booth, who had a conversation lasting [illegible] with the Prince and was impressed with the earnestness in religion which for the last 20 years has carried on religious and social work.

Mr. John McNeill, barrister-at-law, was admitted to practice at H. M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, last week by Judge Grain.

Mr. R. E. Stock is passing through the Colony en route to Shanghai where he joins Messrs. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd. Mr. Stock was formerly with the local branch of Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co. (China), Ltd.

Dr. Giho Nishikawa, Imperial physician, has left Tokyo on a tour to Europe. The physician is expected to spend one year in Germany, England, and France studying medicine.

Mr. R. T. Peyton-Griffin, of the staff of the "North-China Daily News," and formerly of Hongkong, was taken to the General Hospital last week and operated on for appendicitis. He is now going on well.

Sir Frederick Lugard, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., formerly Governor of Hongkong, presided on January 5, at a lecture on "France in North Africa," by M. Henry D. Davray, under the auspices of the Royal Society of Arts.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips of Newchwang have left for Home with their family. Dr. Phillips expects to return to his duties as Board of Health Officer for Newchwang early in the autumn but Mrs. Phillips will probably remain longer with the children, who are entering school.

Among the passengers who left by the P.M.S. "Empress of Russia" which sailed [illegible] morning [illegible]

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

SATURDAY SOCCER.

LIST OF ALL LOCAL GAMES.

EXHIBITION GAME.

The following soccer matches have been arranged for to-morrow:—

EXHIBITION GAME.

Interport XI v. Royal Navy, Club ground, kick-off 5.15 p.m.

Friendly.

Royal Artillery v. South China, Sookumpoo ground, 4 p.m.

JUNIOR SHIELD.

Second Round.

University "A" v. Drums, Club ground, 2.30 p.m.

Club de Recreio v. South China "B," Kowloon ground, 2.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's College v. Surreys Reserves, Sookumpoo "A" ground, 4.15 p.m.

LEAGUE, DIV. II.

Section "A."

South China "A" v. R.A. Reserves, Sookumpoo "A" ground, 2.45 p.m.

Section "B."

St. Joseph's Reserves v. Drums Reserves, Sookumpoo "B" ground, 2.45 p.m.

St. Joseph's Boarders v. Moslem "A," St. Joseph's ground, 2.45 p.m.

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The Interport team play their last game to-morrow, meeting the Navy in an exhibition game on the Club ground. It is hardly possible to give an opinion as to what kind of a game is likely to be put up, as the Navy team is not to hand, and it is bound to include some of the new commission.

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The Interport team sails for Shanghai on Tuesday next by the s.s. "President Jackson," leaving Kowloon wharf at 5 p.m. There has been one change from the original fourteen chosen. Hayes of Kowloon comes in as a reserve in place of Sims, who is unable to make the journey owing to pressure of work. The team therefore that will make the journey is as follows: — Rodger; Wynne, Wheeler; Mitchell, Stewart, Bristowe; Charlesworth, Humberstone, Gosano, Butler, Macklesworth. Reserves: — Howard, Brittain, Hayes. Messrs. W. E. Hollands and J. McCubbin are going in charge of the team.

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There are three games down for decision in the second round of the Junior Shield competition, and I expect to see University, Club de Recreio and the Surreys Reserves qualify for the semi-final.

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There is only one game in the Junior "A" section of the League, and South China "A" will have to play all they know to maintain their unbeaten record. The Gunners' second string is quite strong enough to keep their opponents out, and should this wet weather continue they will have a distinct advantage over their lighter opponents.

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In the junior "B" section, it looks like a win for the Boarders and the College Reserves.

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The Chinese team to take part in the national competition at Shanghai will be playing its last practice match with the Gunners.

W.G.'S PORTRAIT.

GIFT TO NATIONAL GALLERY.

COST 100 GUINEAS.

(via Colombo.)

London, Jan. 14.

At a cost of 100 guineas Marylebone C.C. is purchasing an oil portrait of Dr. W. G. Grace for presentation to the National Gallery, which has signified its willingness to accept the portrait.

MANTON STABLE.

NOW ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

(via Colombo.)

London, Jan. 14.

The world-renowned Manton training establishment, which has been occupied by Alec Taylor and the horses from which have won [illegible] since 1910, is advertised [illegible]

HOME SOCCER.

F. A. CUP 4th ROUND REPLAY.

MILLWALL'S TRIUMPH.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 4.

Replaying to-day in the fourth round of the Football Association Cup Millwall defeated Bury by two goals to nil.

[Note: Bury are in division I of the league and Millwall in division III (Southern section). Last Saturday they drew, three all, at Bury. The winners are at home to Swansea Town for the fifth round on February 20.]

BILLIARDS.

NEW FAST SCORING RECORD?

(via Colombo.)

Melbourne, Jan. 18.

It is claimed that Walter Lindrum beat the world's billiards' record for fast scoring and for a sequence of nursery cannons when he made a break of 638 in 16 minutes.

INTERNATIONAL RACE.

(via Colombo.)

Lyons, Jan. 18.

One hundred and eighty cross country runners started on a snow-covered course of 6¼ miles in the International team competition for the Atynaguer Cup.

The Birchfield Harriers (England) won, though the French men, Pele and Guillemont, were first and second, respectively.

TENNIS AT CANNES.

(via Colombo.)

Cannes, Jan. 18.

Mlle. Lenglen and Mrs. Satterthwaite won the ladies' doubles in the international lawn tennis tournament at the New Courts' Club, defeating Mrs. Coleman and Miss Petchell, 6-1, 6-1.

In the final of the men's singles, Cochet beat Colonel Mayes, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

CRICKET VENUES.

THREE LEAGUE GAMES TO-MORROW.

FRIENDLY FIXTURES.

According to the fixtures there will be three first division league matches and two "friendly" games for to-morrow's cricket.

The fixtures are as under:—

League I.

University 1st XI v. Hongkong C.C. 1st XI on the University ground.

Civil Service C.C. 1st XI v. Indian R.C. 1st XI on the C.S.C.C. ground.

Chinese R.C. v. Royal Artillery on the C.R.C. ground.

Friendly.

Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. on the H.K.C.C. ground.

Royal Navy v. Civil Service C.C. on the Navy ground.

HOCKEY CLUB "A" XI.

The following will play for the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" v. H.M.S. "Tamar" at U.S.R.C. ground at 5 p.m.—D. Fitzgerald, J. V. Ramsay, G. P. Lammert, J. A. H. Plummer, J. C. Thomson, L. M. S. Lloyd, T. P. Saunderson (Capt.) D. Rushton, W. H. Newman, H. C. Macnamara, G. Rankin.

FANLING HUNT.

Engagements for the Fanling Hunt this week-end are:—

Saturday:—hounds meet at Mr. Potts's bungalow 3 p.m.

Sunday:—hounds meet at Lok-ma-chau cross roads 10.30 a.m.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club 1st XI against the 5th/2nd Punjabis at the Marina Ground on Wednesday next, at 5.45 p.m., sharp:—E. W. Hamilton; C. H. R. Gilde, C. D. S. Becker; E. F. Stewart, H. W. Lockyer, F. A. Noronha, H. Owen Burnes, W. Woodward (capt.), G. [illegible], E. Jaffin, Lekcom, B. [illegible]

INTERPORT SOCCER.

SHANGHAI'S SIDE HARD TO CHOOSE.

SELECTORS' TASK.

Commenting on Shanghai's task of getting up a side to play Hongkong at football, the "N. C. Daily News" says:—

It is a not unnatural assumption that the team to represent Shanghai in the Interport soccer match against Hongkong on February 13 is to be chosen almost entirely from the players who took part in Saturday's (January 30) trial game. Any selection committee for any sporting event has a thankless and unpleasant task; but those on whose judgment rests the final choice of Shanghai's representative eleven to play against Hongkong have our deepest sympathy, for the progress and result of Saturday's match must have given them seriously to ponder, and to ponder again. As a matter of fact, it is a moot question whether Saturday's match will prove of much assistance, for it was a game in which some of our consistently best players were not at their best, and in which some others known to be good but generally considered to be not of the very best, undoubtedly outshone some of the men of reputation and achievement. And the furrows on the brows of the selectors must be getting deeper and deeper.

As has been the custom with Interport trial teams since the revival of Interport football, there was a radical change-over in the teams originally selected. The teams originally chosen to play on Saturday were as follow:—

Probables: — Tetstall; Gowan and Falconer; Phillips, Gash and Price; Dailey, Marcal, Goldman, Coulcher and Johannson.

Possibles: — Moalem; Ewing and Clissold; Hurry, Crawford and Phillips; Deer, Collaco, Austen, Begg and Guttieres.

The teams that actually played were:—

Blues (Mr. Gash's Team):—Moalem; Brown (J. B.) and Falconer; Phillips, Gash and Price; Deer, Collaco, Austen, Begg and Guttieres.

Yellows (Mr. Crawford's Team):—Tetstall; Ewing and Clissold; Whittaker, Crawford and Hurry, Dailey, Evans, Goldman, Marcal and J. Johannson.

[Note:—Blues won by 3-nil. Collaco (2) and Begg were the scorers.]

HOW MANY DAYS?

SUGGESTED LIMIT FOR TEST MATCHES.

FOUR-DAY CRICKET.

(via Colombo.)

London, Jan. 15.

Mr. P. F. Warner's suggestion, at the Middlesex C.C. meeting yesterday, that there be an extension of Test matches to four days in future tours, was supported by Mr. J. W. H. T. Douglas, who emphatically declares in favour of a fight to a finish.

Mr. Jessop said that that was the poney he had advocated.

Maurice Tate agrees with Mr. Warner, but Lord Hawke thinks a change would not be advantageous.

Sydney, Jan. 16.

Mr. Sydney Smith, manager of the Australian cricket team, agrees with Mr. P. F. Warner's suggestion made at a recent meeting of the Middlesex County Club that four days should be alloted for the Tests, and says that it is no fault of the Australian Board of Control that the matches are not played out in England.

Melbourne, Jan. 16.

The heavy scoring in the Sheffield Shield matches has revived the agitation for a time-limit in first-class matches.

Some experts claim that the high scores are due to the super-excellence of the wickets. On the other hand, other experts, including Mr. Hugh Trumble, do not agree with this view and say that the high scoring is due to the lack of good bowlers.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The Corps will be inspected on Monday, February 8, by H.E. the Governor on Murray Parade ground at 5.45 p.m.

Members of all units are reminded that attendance at this parade is a condition for efficiency.

Reserve Company.

Part II. Musketry Course will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, February 7, and as this is the last opportunity for firing, all who have not already fired must do so on that date to become efficient.

Range Officer: 2nd-Lieut. G. K. Hall-Brutton.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets and pouches must be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, February 5, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, February 6, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Promotions and Appointments.

The following promotions and appointments will take effect from January 25, 1926:—

Engineer Company.

No. 101 Sergt. T. Bolt to be C.Q.M.S.

No. 459 Corpl. M. A. Johnson to be Sergeant.

No. 476 Corpl. T. W. Carr to be Sergeant.

No. 454 Lce.-Corpl. V. H. C. Jarrett to be Corporal.

No. 59 Lce.-Corpl. W. J. Woolley to be Corporal.

No. 720 Lce.-Corpl. G. E. Stephens to be Corporal.

No. 727 Spr. H. W. Owen to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 728 Spr. A. W. W. Salter to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 763 Spr. S. R. Jones to be Lance-Corporal.

Reversions.

No. 431 C.Q.M.S. R. J. Tyler and N. 430 Sergt. M. D. Coupland, Engineer Co., are permitted to revert to the ranks at their own request, as from January 25, 1926.

Leave.

2nd-Lieut. A. H. Penn, Infantry Co., is granted 12 months' leave from February 15, 1926, to February 14, 1927.

No. 90 R.Q.M.S. W. E. Hollands, Battalion Headquarters, is granted 16 days' leave from February 9, 1926, to February 24, 1926.

Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—

No. 169 Pte. R. M. Henderson, No. 7 Platoon, as from January 31, 1926.

No. 352 Pte. R. E. Lindsell, Reserve Co., as from January 31, 1926.

No. 500 Pte. W. C. Morgan, Reserve Co., as from January 31, 1926.

No. 350 Pte. S. H. Hewer, Reserve Co., as from January 31, 1926.

No. 681 Spr. D. E. Evans, Engineer Co., as from February 1, 1926.

Struck Off.

No. 456 Pte. D. A. G. Alison (deceased), Reserve Co., is struck off the strength, as from January 31, 1926.

Marksmen.

The following have qualified as marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:—

No. 302 Pte. G. Duncan, No. 6 Platoon, 95 points.

No. 465 Pte. D. Reid, Reserve Scot. Sec., 95 points.

No. 16 Sergt. H. S. Rouse, Artillery Co., 91 points.

No. 1 Cpl. J. A. Lyon, Reserve Co., 91 points.

Musketry Courses.

9.—The following programme for Musketry Course and Camp for 1926-1927 is published for information:—

Part I at Stonecutters Range. Sunday.

1926.		
Feb.	21	M.I. and A.C. Companies.
"	28	Artillery and Engineer Companies.
March	7	Scottish Company.
"	14	Infantry Company.
"	21	M.I. and A.C. Companies.
"	28	Artillery and Engineer Companies.
April	4	Corps Rifle Meeting. Monday.
"	5	Corps Rifle Meeting. Sunday.
"	11	Scottish Company.
"	18	Infantry Company.
"	25	M.I. and A.C. Companies.
May	2	Artillery and Engineer Companies.
"	9	Infantry Company.
"	16	Reserve Company.
"	30	Reserve Company.
June	6	Casuals.
"	13	Casuals.

Part II at Stonecutters Range. Sunday.

Sept.	5	Scottish Company.
"	12	Infantry Company.
"	19	M.I. and A.C. Companies.
"	26	Artillery and Engineer Companies.
Oct.	3	Scottish Company.
"	17	Infantry Company.
"	24	M.I. and A.C. Companies.
"	31	Artillery and Engineer Companies.
Nov.	7	Infantry Company.
"	14	M.I. and A.C. Companies.
"	21	Artillery and Engineer Companies.
Dec.	19	Reserve Company.
1917.		
Jan.	9	Reserve Company.
"	16	Casuals.
"	23	Casuals.
"	30	Casuals.

Annual Camp.

Week-ends: November 26 to 28, December 3 to 5, and December 10 to 12, 1926.

L. D. JOLL, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Hongkong, February 5, 1926.

NOTICE.

Annual Inspection.

Families and friends of Volunteers may use the matched on Murray Parade ground which has been set for the purpose by the courtesy of the Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment. They should be in their seats by 4.30 p.m. on the [illegible]

LEAVING SHORTLY.

LOCAL MUSIC CIRCLES' LOSS.

UNION CHURCH TRIBUTE.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Collett were the recipients of a presentation on behalf of the Church, choir and congregation at the annual meeting yesterday of Union Church. Mr. and Mrs. Collett, who have been prominently connected with matters musical at the Church during their residence here, are leaving shortly on transfer.

The pastor (the Rev. J. Kirk Machonachie), in making the presentation, said that it fell to him to speak of the services which Mr. and Mrs. Collett had rendered to the Church, and to express the regret of all that they were going. When Mr. Chapman, the previous organist left, they had considered there would be some difficulty in finding a successor, but Mr. Collett had admirably filled the post. He did not know which of the two—Mrs. Collett or Mr. Collett—they liked best; Mr. Collett had served them excellently at the organ, but he (the speaker) really did not know what was going to happen to the choir, when Mrs. Collett had gone. The diligence and consistency of both of them had been admirable, not only in the choir, but in everything, and in every way they had been good members in all the affairs of the Church. They had also been very helpful in the socials held in connection with the Church.

Business Meeting.

Tea was provided before the business of the annual meeting was proceeded with. In the course of the year's report it was stated that the regular income from weekly offerings and pew rents showed a decrease of $500. Another item was that the sale and purchase of the old and new manse properties being completed, there remained a surplus of approximately $20,000, the interest on which would materially aid the general income.

The accumulated interest on the Three Quarter Century Fund was equal to the heavy demands on it during the year. The Committee decided to sell the shares of the Union Insurance Society of Canton and to convert the sterling fixed deposit into local currency. Both these transactions were carried out, the result showing a considerable increase over cost, and the proceeds were invested partly on mortgage and partly on fixed deposit, amounting in all to $40,000. It was expected that the interest on this sum would be equal to all future requirements.

The Ladies' Committee's report was adopted on the proposition of Mrs. H. M. Mackenzie.

Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar was elected trustee for the year. Mr. A. T. Hamilton was elected Honorary Secretary, and Mr. A. S. D. Cousland re-elected as Honorary Treasurer.

The following were appointed on the Committee of Management:—Messrs. J. L. McPherson, G. M. Shaw, J. Mitchell, D. MacMurray, O. Skinner, A. Stevenson, A. Mackenzie, N. Currie, E. R. Dovey, C. Pryce, W. Elliot, and Mrs. Hickling.

Ladies Committee: Mesdames Hamilton, Mitchell, Purves, Shaw, Maconachie, Cousland, Wilson, Mackichan, Stevenson, Phillips, A. K. Henderson, A. Bowes-Smith, and Currie.

New Territories Evangelisation Society:—Rev. J. K. Maconachie (ex-officio), Messrs. J. L. McPherson, E. R. Dovey, Capt. Davison, Rev. J. Horace Johnston, B.A., and Mrs. C. C. Hickling.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 5, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estate Brokers' Share & Real Society.
T.T. on London	2/4 3/8	2/4 3/8	2/4 3/8
T.T. on Shanghai	78	78	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1050 n.	$1050 s.	$1050 b.
do. London	£127 n.	—	£127½ n.
Chartered Bank	£21½ n.	£21 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£29½ n.	£29½ n.	—
do. C.	£13⅛ n.	£13 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£0½ n.	£0½ n.	—
Bank of East Asia	$85 n.	$77 b.	$78 b.
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	600 b.	600 n.	$600 n.
China Underwriters	2 s.	2.30 n.	1.80 s.
North China Insurance	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	—
Union Insurance	258 b.	258 b.	$260 s.
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	36 b.	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	560 s.	550 s.	590 s.
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 s.	32 n.	26 b.
Hongkong Steamboats	23 s.	23 s.	21 s.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	3¾ s.	4 n.	4 s.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) L'd.	50 s.	—	65 s.
do. (") Hk.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Shell Transports	95/- n.	97/6 n.	95/- b.
Star Ferries	$50 b. & sa.	49 b.	$49 s.
Water-boats	16 b. 52 s.	16 s.	16 n.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	24 s.	26 s.	24 s.
Malabon Sugars	40 s.	35 s.	50 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	1½ n.	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	44/- n.	45/- n.	47/6 n.
Langkats (Combined)	T26 s. 24 sa	T22 b. x d. 24	T 27 b.
do. (Single)	14 n.	10 s. 8 x.d.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5.45 n.	5 s.	—
Shanghai Loan	8 n.	7 b. x.d	—
Raubs	$5.80 s.	$5¾ s.	6 s.
Tronoh Mines	55/- n.	55/- n.	—
Ural Caspians	8/- n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	$110 b.	121 b.	$120 s.
H.K. & W. Docks	$53¾ sa.	55 s.	55 s.
Hongkews	T 170 b.	—	T 165 b.
New Engineerings	7 b.	T 7 n.	6¾ b.
Shanghai Docks	110 n.	110 s.	107 s.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	$7.20 b	7¼ b. & sa.	7.15 s.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	57¼ b.	57½ b.	57½ b.
H.K. Realty	5 b.	5¾ n.	5½ n.
H.K. Territorials	6 b.	6¼ b.	6 s.
Humphreys Estates	13½ b. 13 sa	13 b.	12 b.
Princes Building	120 s.	110 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T 9 b.	T9¼ b.	T10 s.
Orientals	3 n	2¾ b. 3 s.	3 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	55 s.	51 sa.	55 s.
do. (new)	27 s.	27½ sa.	27 s.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	$7½ n.	$7 s.	$7 s.
Cements (comb.)	14 s.	14 s.	13½ s.
do. (old)	12 s.	12 n.	11 s.
do. (new)	2½ n.	3 n.	2½ s.
China Buses	T 10½ b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14 b. 15 s.	14 b.	13¾ b.
do. (old)	10 b. 11 s.	10¼ b.	10 b. 10¼ sa.
do. (new)	7 b.	7 b.	7 s.
China Prov. (comb.)	—	8 s.	—
do. (old)	7½ s.	—	7 s.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	17 s.	15½ b. 16½ s	16½ s.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	8 s.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	5 n.	—
Hongkong Amusements	11 b.	11 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	3 b.	3 b.	3¾ s.
Hongkong Electrics	49½ n.	49½ b	49½ s.
H.K. Developments	24 cts n.	24 cts. b & sa	cts 30 s.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	40 s.	—	40 s.
do. (old)	13¼ n	13½ s.	14 n.
do. (new)	8¼ n.	8½ s.	8½ n.
Hongkong Tramways	19½/20 sa	19.80 s.	20 s.
Lane, Crawfords	12 s.	11½ s.	12½ s.
Macao Electrics	40 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	21½ n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	12.10 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	17 b.	16 b.	17 s.
do. (new)	7 n.	8 n.	9 s.
Sinceres	11 s.	10 n.	9½ b.
Singapore Trams	—	8½ n.	—
Taxis	4 s.	3 s.	2½ s.
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	12¾ n.	12 n.	12½ s.
do. (new)	12½ n	—	—
Wm. Powells	11 s	—	12 n.
H.K. Telephone	—	—	3.60 s.

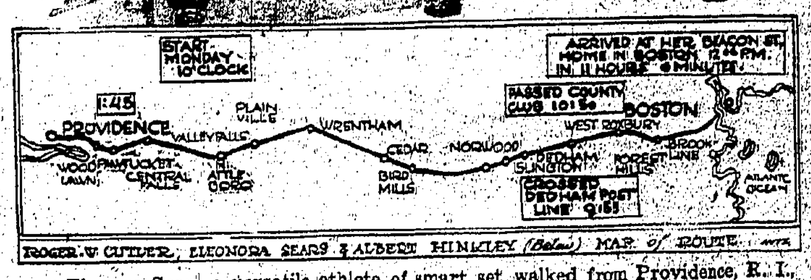
People and Events in the News of the World

Near the Grand Palais in Paris a monument has been unveiled to Capt. Roland Garros, daring flier in the early days of aviation. He was killed by German airmen two weeks before the Armistice.

Representative John P. Hill, of Maryland, enjoys the distinction of having introduced more bills into the Lower U.S. House than any of his colleagues.

Sir Broderick Hartwell, the rum running baronet of England, who set out two years ago to reap a fortune defying the U.S. anti-liquor laws, has been driven into bankruptcy by the American dry navy. Dr. H. T. Moore, of Dartmouth, has been inaugurated president of Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., a leading institution for women. Former Governor R. P. Bass, of New Hampshire, will seek the seat of Senator George H. Moses next fall. Prince Vladimir Galitzine of Russia, former confidante of the Grand Duke Boris, is in New York on a mission shrouded in secrecy.

Battling Siki, most eccentric of prizefighters, was slain off Broadway, New York, a bullet cutting him down. The Senegalese, a real fighting man, who served in the French army, and later knocked Carpentier out, was the clown of the ring. His antics brought him to the bar of justice many times. He was under orders of deportation when slain.



ROGER W. CUTLER, ELEONORA SEARS & ALBERT HINKLEY (Below) MAP OF ROUTE.

Eleonora Sears, a versatile athlete of smart set, walked from Providence, R. I., to Boston, 44 miles, in 11 hours and 6 minutes to win a bet she could make it in less than 15 hours. Her pacemaker found it hard to keep up with her. "I feel as fine as a fiddle," said Miss Sears when she reached her Boston home.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

ODDS AND ENDS

A Shingled Prima Donna.

Freida Hempel, the prima donna, is convinced that the bobbing and shingling of women's hair has come to stay (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer.) "It is useful, practical, quick, and comfortable," she told me. But she does not favour a "close crop." "Keep your side pieces," is her advice to women. "Ears are often ugly if entirely exposed to view.

Individual Clothes.

Lord Beatty is ever picturesque, and his adherence to an evening coat of a type that was popular many years ago may revive the fashion. This is a combination of coat and cape, technically called, I believe, an "Inverness" (remarks a writer in the "Daily Express.") Young men who think seriously about clothes should reflect, however, before they follow the First Sea Lord's example. You must be able to carry off these things.

Queer Story of a Picture.

Brussels is preparing to celebrate the centenary of the death in that city of the celebrated French painter Louis David, whose pictures cover many yards of the Louvre picture galleries in Paris (says an "Evening Standard" writer.) Driven out of his own country when Napoleon fell, the artist responsible for so many pictures recording the splendours of the Empire, went in for portrait painting in Belgium, where he took refuge. Recently a "David" portrait was offered for sale to a Belgian State museum. The Commission of artists appointed to examine the work noticed that there was something queer about the canvas. The picture was called the "Family Portrait," but depicted a single old lady sitting in an armchair much too big for her and belonging to a period at least thirty years later than David's death. The commission appointed to consider the matter did not recommend purchase, but asked the family for an explanation of its strange condition.

Company Directors' Fees.

Having a long experience of the direction of City companies (writes "A.A.B." in the "Sunday Express"), I cannot understand why shareholders are content to pay such fantastic salaries to chairmen imported from the West End of London. Of previous knowledge of the business they are called on to preside over, these lawyers and politicians can have none; indeed you might as well appoint the president of the Royal Academy to be chairman of a finance company as any of these legal or political speech-makers, who can only be wanted in one of two capacities, either as an attraction to ignorant shareholders, or as one who can hold a big meeting. Five thousand a year as chairman's fees, I agree, may not be too much for a man of ability, but when it comes to £10,000 a year and more the draft on the shareholders' pockets requires apology. Since the war three prominent men have migrated from Whitehall to the City, namely, Mr. Reginald McKenna, Sir Robert Horne, and Lord Buckmaster.

A New Ray.

A discovery of the very greatest scientific interest has been announced to the National Academy of Sciences of America by Dr. R. A. Millikan, director of the Physics Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology, and winner of the Nobel prize for physics. Dr. Millikan has traced the source of a mysterious radiation which for 20 years has puzzled physicists, to the presence in the atmosphere of "ultra" X-rays, one hundred times more penetrating than those already known. In order to do so he conducted researches on the top of Pike's Peak, and made experiments in the depths of two mountain lakes, says "The Outlook."

A Long Lived Family.

The death of the Hon. Mrs. Wentworth-Fitzwilliam at a hundred years of age recalls the remarkable record of longevity held by the Dundas family. The present Marquess of Zetland, although over eighty years of age, still does his four hours a day in the saddle and when in residence at Marske in Cleveland tramps about the shore and climbs sandbanks with all the ardour of a young man. The Marchioness of Zetland, as befits a former Vicereine of India, still sits in quaint old English state through her meals, alert and vividly informed on all topics of the day, eagerly questioning and cross-questioning her guests on present day politics. Dundases, Fitzwilliams, and Zetlands, their glass-faced tombs, lying in a bleak north country churchyard overlooking the sea, testify to their remarkable tenacity to life.

Scotsmen in London.

It seems to be becoming less true than it was that the finest prospect in Scotland is the road to England. At any rate, one of the unexpected things revealed by a County Council report is that whereas the number of persons of Scottish birth resident in London was 56,605 in 1901, it has now fallen to just under 50,000. Of course these figures take no account of Scotsmen of the second and third generation, who live and thrive in our midst. One is reminded of the Punch story of the Scotsman who met an Australian in the train. "I suppose," he said by way of making conversation, "you have a good many Scotsmen in Australia?" "Oh, yes," replied the Australian, "but our chief pest is rabbits."

Which Material?

Not one woman in fifty can tell you the sort of material she looks best in, (says a "Star" writer.) We spend a lot of thought on clothes, yet few of us take the trouble to think out whether we look best in bright firm materials, or soft dull ones. Whether we are "tailor-made" or "artistic" is not a bad definition of the two opposing styles. Do you know which you are?

Baby's Choice.

Even baby may walk out of the shop carrying her Christmas present if it is a practical one (says a "Star" writer.) Children are allowed to have views on dress in these enlightened days, and a little girl of three was allowed to choose between a sweet pink flowered taffetas and a yellow crepe de chine. She chose the pink frock, and straightaway demanded pink socks and got them.

Queen Alexandra's Wish.

Someone I know who is over 80 years of age told me how much Queen Alexandra loved flowers (says a writer in the "Evening News.") One of the crowning joys of her life was to become identified officially with the rose. One of the last couples whom the late Queen honoured with her sympathy and affection were Prince and Princess Chavchavadge when they stayed recently at Cromer. At the request of the Queen they drove over to Sandringham and took with them their four-months-old child. The Queen was delighted with the newcomer, and paid special attention to his dark, lustrous eyes. They looked at her with inquisitive expression, and she said "I hope he will make a fine man. He must come and see me on his birthday."

The Posy Evening Bag.

The evening bag should be always attractive, and as it is not subjected to very hard wear, one can afford to allow the fancy to run riot (observes a "Manchester Guardian" writer.) The latest novelty in bags which is being shown in Paris consists of an artificial bunch of flowers which are pressed closely together like an old-fashioned Victorian posy. Some are of mixed flowers, a moss rose in the centre, followed by a ring of pale blue forget-me-nots, then one of bachelor buttons (the pinky kind), and finished with a surround of cornflowers. Others consist entirely of roses, forget-me-nots, wallflowers, and many other flowers, so that there are plenty from which to choose to match the frock. The foundations of these bags are of satin, the posy heads are at the bottom, and the stalks meander up the sides and are bunched together when the draw-ribbon is pulled.

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Comeric, Hosang, Empress of Scotland, Altai Maru, Empress of Russia, Kaijo Maru, Talamba, Delta, Benvorlich, Taikwa Maru, Vancloon, Namsang. Kaga Maru, Toba Maru, Tjileboet, Tonkin, West Carmona, Seangbee, Angkor, Amakusa Maru, Haining.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.	
Shanghai	Siechuen
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7.	
Straits	Fushimi Maru
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.	
Straits	Hosang
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.	
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley
Japan	Kashima Maru
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Garfield

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Time
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and EUROPE via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver R.C. 22nd Feb. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m	Empress of Russia	5 p.m.
Amoy	Seang Bee	5 p.m.
Japan	Yuensang	10 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Su Li	11.30 a.m.
*Manila, and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Emil Kiedorf	12.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	1.30 p.m.
Straits	Leonredon	2.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.		
Amoy	Kalgan	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Mantua	5 p.m.
Japan	Cherib on Maru	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 5th Mar. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (6th Feb.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Malwa	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6.		
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (Letters and Postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Holsatia	10 a.m.
Amoy	Tsilwo'a	10 a.m.
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H. M. NAVAL DEPOT
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Members are reminded of the following dates:

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BALL—FRIDAY, 26th February, 9.30 p.m.

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